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In issuing this its third publication the society feels that acknowledgements are due to the Ontario Government for the grant (an annual one it is hoped) of $100, which has enabled the society to meet the cost of this publication; and to Finlay G. MacDiarmid M.P.P. and C. A. Brower M.P.P. for their assistance in obtaining such grant

Chief Talbot

# Introductory

On 21st May 1803 Lt Colonel Thomas Talbot commenced the settlement known ever since by his name by landing and cutting the first tree at Port Talbot

The lands subsequently settled under his superintendence embraced 19—afterwards by sub-divisions enlarged to 34—townships now forming the whole of one (Elgin) and parts of four other counties.

In 1859 there was inaugurated an annual Celebration on the 21st of May in each year which was continued until after the the Rebellion of 1837-38 it consisted of a dinner followed by a ball and was held at 11 year St. Thomas except upon the last one or two occasions when it was held at London

By a letter to the press of St. Thomas dated 22nd May 1899 and published in the Journal and Times the following day the writer drew the attention of the public to the approaching Centennial anniversary of the founding of the settlement and proposed a suitable Celebration of the event and a permanent memorial in some form.

At a meeting of the Elgin Historical and Scientific Institute held at the old Town Hall on the 6th June 1899 it was "moved by Judge Ermatinger seconded by J. H. Coyne—that in the opinion of this meeting steps should be taken for a formal Celebration of the founding of the Talbot Settlement on May 1903 and that it be referred to the Council to report upon the subject—carried.

Committees were subsequently appointed by the Elgin Historical and Scientific Institute and the County Council of Elgin and City Council of St Thomas to act in concert primarily with regard to the erection of a permanent memorial to be erected in honour of the pioneers of the Settlement and to commemorate the Centenary of its commencement the central figure of which should be a statue of Queen Victoria. The Elgin Council passed a grant of one fourth of the cost (not to exceed $4000) and the City Council of St Thomas a grant of $2000, but neither the Provincial nor Dominion Government nor the other municipalities of the settlement having

contributed, the Elgin Council's grant was withdrawn and the memorial project for the time being fell to the ground.

In the winter of 1902-1903 Council of the Elgin Historical and Scientific Institute again took up the subject of the celebration of the Centenary and a committee consisting of the president Judge Ermatinger, Vice President Dr. Silcox, Messrs J. H. Coyne, J. W. Stewart and W. H. Murch and Lt. Colonel McLachlin of the 29th Regiment, waited upon the City Council and outlined a proposal for a public celebration to commence on 21st May when a Banquet would be held by the Institute and concluding on the 25th May, Victoria Day, and embracing the formal opening of the new Carnegie Institute and the ceremonies, an "old boys" gathering and a review of Militia and Cadets. Inasmuch as the Ontario Historical Society had been invited by the Institute as well as by the City Council to hold their annual summer meeting at St. Thomas the Society would meet here in the first week of June and such meeting (during which a drive to the Southwold Earthworks and Port Talbot was to take place) would form a fitting conclusion to the celebration.

The subject was referred to No. 1 committee of the city council who joined the Committee of the Institute in a request that the mayor call a public meeting to discuss the question of a celebration and should the general celebration be decided on to form a Citizen's Committee to carry it out.

# The General Committee

The mass meeting of the inhabitants called and presided over by the Mayor was held at the City Hall on the evening of the 9th March, 1903, when Mr. Henry Roe having been elected Secretary a resolution in favour of a City annual Celebration was passed and a committee consisting of Messrs. Judge Ermatinger the Mayor and J. W. Stewart, President of the Board of Trade was appointed to select a committee to draft a form of Organization and present the same for ratification at a public meeting on March 23rd.

The general committee so appointed consisted of the following gentlemen: Mayor Maxwell, D. F. Cuoe, E. [illegible], H. Pegg, W. R. Waterbury, R. M. Anderson, W. H. Murton, H. C. Hocken, R. F. Horsman, G. Masterman, P. Meehan, S. Silcox, P. McCormack, Talbot Macbeth, Sheriff Brown, C. O. Ermatinger, J. A. Stewart, P. Doggett, Col. McLachlan, J. H. Coyne, T. J. Courtney, Henry Roe, L. H. Despard, F. W. Wright, Dr. Bartlett, P. M. L. Egan, Peter Stewart, K. W. McKay, J. H. Prince, M. Rudolph, J. McKenzie to whom the following were subsequently added: M. G. Hay, G. R. McCord, F. Smythe and H. McPherson, R. L. McCrady, E. A. Hearton, G. Geddes, F. S. Lewis and A. S. Smith.

Mayor C. F. Maxwell

(For Summary of Central Committee Proceedings see Post)

## LORD DUNDONALD AND THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL

The Minister of Militia was obliged to decline the General Committee's invitation to visit the city and open the ceremonies

...ay May, ...ntended having made an engagement previously to spend that day at Brantford.

Lord Dundonald, general officer commanding the Militia of Canada, intending to visit Ingersoll on tour via London, City on April 6th and attended the Collegiate Institute Cadets and the 7th Fusiliers and being invited to return and for the same purpose on 24th May promised to do so if his other engagements would permit but subsequently notified the committee his inability to do so.

His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was invited by the Elgin Historical and Scientific Institute to attend the Banquet on 24th May and his invitation to accept addresses from the city and other municipalities on the same date, but had previously arranged to visit Ingersoll on Western Ontario. His Excellency accompanied by Mrs. Mrs. Mrs. Aide-de-Camp Colonel Eilbeck and his Staff accordingly paid a brief visit to St. Thomas on May 24th and was met at the Grand Trunk-Wabash Station by the Mayor and Council, the Judges and officials of the city and the various companies. Colonel Burke, United States Consul and Lt. Colonel McLeod, A guard of honour, consisting of 100 men of the 18th Regiment, with the Band of the Regiment under command of Captain Farrell, Lieuts Atkinson and Cowie, was present and also inspecting the cadets. His Excellency and party were then driven to the Collegiate Institute grounds where the Cadets under Captain Jones were inspected and compliments and he ran and ...either sang by the scholars thence to the Wellington Street School and Alma College at each of which parties and ... were addressed after which the corporation's address was read by the Mayor in the council chamber of the City Hall in which reference was made to the history and approaching Centennial Celebration of the commencement of the Settlement. His Excellency in a reply expressing his pleasure at visiting the city and his regret at being unable to be present at the centennial celebration—after which a reception was held by the Mayor and Council and subsequently driven to the Wabash station and departed for Chatham.

## DECORATIONS AND ILLUMINATIONS

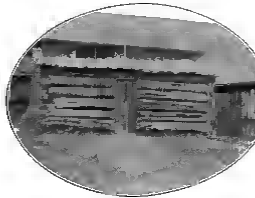
The city was tastefully decked with flags and bunting on the day of Lord Minto's visit—but not approaching in brilliancy and appearance to the 22nd May when the work of the Decoration and Illumination Committees as well as of citizens in general in beautify the city was drawing to a close. Both Committees

named had done their work well. Never had St. Thomas presented an appearance approaching in brilliancy the street as it had now assumed. Green foliage in the unsightly poles along either side of Talbot Street among which flags innumerable and bunting of red white and blue the pre-arbed colours waved and fluttered in the gentle breezes of the glorious weather which cast-hard through out the Celebration from first to last. Residence streets vied with one another in endeavors to present a gala appearance and to some the efforts were not unsuccessful with marked success bore testimony to their loyalty. On these numerous poles of red, white and blue banners tastefull designed were strung across the street from end to end while Chinese lanterns hung throughout with electric lights here and there gave at night a fairy like appearance to the whole. Pearl Mitchell an Kain streets may be mentioned among those which, by the adoption of this scheme presented the most attractive appearance of the residence streets of the city. Here where decorations and illuminations were so generally given no house in the city seemed to be without garlands of evergreens and flowers. Arches in various parts of the city were also erected over Talbot street and Welcome to the visitors. The Michigan Central station a Welcome to Visitors and a Welcome to Municipal Celebrants in part of the city was known in earlier days being decorations. A handsome arch illuminated at night by acetylene and a locomotive headlight spanned Metcalfe street in front of the Canada Atlantic where the evening entertainments in connection with the celebrature were held. Adorning the Kirk & Legg Cabin brought from its former site in Southwold was re-erected the superintendence of Mr. E. Pa and placed in the Ladies Branch H store also were exhibited a variety of pioneer utensils and other articles of histor

E. W. Marsh.
Chairman Civic Historical Committee

tical stores

Three immense [illegible] consisted of electric colored bulbs placed at suitable [illegible] handsome three dozen additional arc lights with the innumerable electric and gas illuminations and chinese lanterns displayed by banks business firms and citizens rendered Talbot Street and its decorations as brilliant by night as by day The City Hall extended an immense [illegible] We came the Dominion Government had the facade of the handsome Post Office [illegible] with its colored Electric [illegible] The church of the Holy Angels and the Separate School



The Log Cabin

were distinguished by handsome gas illuminations the cross on the church door presenting a beautiful effect The Wabash Grand Trunk and Michigan Central stations were both handsomely draped and illuminated. Citizens generally responded loyally to the call of the illumination as well as of the Decoration commission with the result that no part of the city—scarcely a house in fact—was without some display both by day and evening while so many were both lavishly and tastefully decked that the general effect was as has already been stated of unprecedented brilliancy

# Opening of the Celebration

Precisely at 12 o'clock a.m. May 21st, the bells of the city pealed forth a joyous chorus while innumerable steam whistles of factories, railway shops and locomotives swelled the volume of sound to a clamorous din which so far from maddening the hearers served to put everybody in great good humour—a state of mind which was general and continued throughout the succeeding days of the Celebration.

This was the signal that the new century had arrived that the celebration of the Centenary had begun and that the finishing touches should be given to both decorations and illuminations. These with the reception and registering of returning old boys were the chief occupations connected with the celebration during the day.

### THE HISTORICAL BANQUET

The banquet given by the Elgin Historical and Scientific Institute to commemorate the one hundredth Talbot Anniversary day at the Grand Central Hotel was the chief event of the evening. The following is the St Thomas Journal's report of the affair:—

The banquet of the Historical Society at the Grand Central Hotel last night was an unqualified success. If Colonel Talbot could have stepped into the spacious dining room which is the least we can do to progress he might easily have imagined himself

Judge Ermatinger
President Elgin Historical and Scientific Institute

again at the court of St James surrounded by the youth beauty and fashion of Britain. The scene was certainly a brilliant one. The capacity of the large hall was overtaxed to accommodate all who desired to attend.

The company began to assemble shortly after eight o'clock and an informal reception took place in the parlors of the hotel lasting till a quarter to ten when the doors were thrown open and the dancers were taken at the tables.

His Honor Judge Ermatinger was in the chair On his right were in the order named Mrs J H Wilson Sir John Carling Mrs Ermatinger Talbot Macbeth London Mrs Cowan Wm. H Ellison New York Mrs Jackson Rev Canon Gill Mrs Ida Moore Morris A B Ingram M P Mrs Maxwell Lt J H Wyatt ex M P Mrs St Thomas South N W Moore Mrs N W Moore R W McKay Mrs A B Ingram Miss Moore Mrs Herbert Spencer Jabez Robinson M P Mrs F Hunt George Benare Mrs George Lennox Mrs A P Campbell W Atkin W B Waterbury Dr Sidney Small Bruce Davis Frank Hunt J P R J Dunstone Mrs Don Bowen Tecumseh Mich W George W McAlister Aylmer J McCausland R McLatchie Mrs E A Smith Rev Robt Trotter Miss Warner Mrs Harstone St Marys E H Campbell Harry Roe Mrs Fred W Wright Mrs P Meehan Ald P Meehan Mrs S Chant S Cleary ex-mayor Mrs F W Wright Fairley G Macdiarmid M Mrs Silcox J W Mc Cutcheon

To the left of the chairman the order named were Mrs W B Ellison New York Mayor C F Mabee Mrs Talbot Macbeth London Rev J A MacDonald Toronto Mrs W Atkin Mayo W S Caron Aylmer Mrs F J Payne Talbotville Wilbur Haden Rev John Macdonald Fairfield John F Langan Chicago W R Jackson A B Patterson Mrs MacKay J Marlatt L D Marlatt W E Edwards E Barton D K McKechnie John Midgley ex Mayor Miss Kathleen Gilbert J E Coyne Miss Gertrude Gilbert Alex Creelman Hamilton D H Price Aylmer James A Bell Mrs Jackson J W McKay Robert McCully ex mayor Dr W C Vachenlieb Ald William Trott Oscar McKenny W F Luton W Rooley James H Coyne Ed McKellar warden of the county Dr and Mrs R M Lapsley D A McLarty Miss J E Wilson S J Coulter Miss Charlotte S Wegg H C Hindmarsh Miss Margaret A Coyne J G B Coyne Clara K Moore Miss C E Coyne Mosley Pettit Miss Muriel Ermatinger A P Campbell Du Guest Dr

Bennett John Campbell L H Dingman H C Hoolson A H Buchner John Thompson W H Murch J W Stewart and a few others

## THE TOAST LIST

There were only three toasts on the list but qu te a number of addresses some of them being particularly happy

After the cloth had been removed Mr W H Murch announced that letters of regret at their inability to be present had been received from the Governor General the Lieutenant Governor Hon G W Ross Hon M Hardcastle and many others

The chairman Judge Ermatinger in proposing the health of The King took occasion to extend a welcome to all present and referred to the early Talbot and Veterans. It was no fault of this comm ttee that the ban quet had been so long in starting He hoped the strangers present would remain during the whole celebration

The toast was received by the singing of the National Anthem

Kentish Finis ed an enthusiastic toast and of Hernet and Gentlemen

Dr Sidney Smith the first vice chairman proposed the second toast Canada. Fault was sometimes found with Canada that everything was so new That could not now be said of the Talbot Settlement which be ng one of the old had got over being new We should all be proud of the progress and development of the country and a greater future is before us along better lines than in the past as a whole for us. What we should do as a result to waste. But to protect the resources of our country and not to repeat the errors made by our faithless forefathers whose good points lastly outweighed all the errors. He asked the company to drink to Canada — he

W H Murch
See Trans Hist Soc of Wentworth County

Dr. S. Smith
Vice-President Elgin Historical and Scientific Society

possibilities," which was enthusiastically done.

Senator Sir John Carling, who was the first to respond to the toast, was received with cheers. He assured the company of his pleasure at being present and of the great pleasure it had given him to again visit our beautiful city. He said he was delighted with St. Thomas and he referred to the beautiful hills, ravines, roads, drives, well kept lawns and boulevards all of which charmed him and he said, he would never forget his visit to St. Thomas. He told a story of his father coming to Canada eighty four years ago and undergoing the same hardships as did the other pioneers of the Talbot Settlement. He was pleased to see so many ladies and gentlemen present to do honor to the old pioneers who had done so much for the Talbot Settlement. He could tell what the early settlers had to put up with. There were no mechanics and his father had to make his own boots and his wife to card the wool, spin the yarn and make his clothes. He had worn moccasins on his back until after he was ten years old but that which was made of his father and mother. He regretted the lack of tools and machinery to-day, forgetting sometimes the early days and the improvement made in the present time. Sir John Carling referred to Andrew Carnegie. He said that I had been said by a very few old men who was trying to make himself popular by scattering around his dollars that there was no future for Canada except in belonging to the United States. Carnegie was very much mistaken. Seas or Carling here reviewed the events leading up to the confederation of the provinces and said the we had great men in those days who sacrificed their own private views to bring about a united Canada. He paid a high tribute to Sir John A. Macdonald, Hon. George Brown and Hon. D'Arcy McGee and made the statement that at one time Sir John and Hon. George Brown were not on speaking terms but buried the hatchet to bring about confederation. The people of Great Britain were now looking to Canada as a source for their food supply and Canada could supply them for all time to come. Canada had a great future. He referred to what had been accomplished in the

way of railroad building during the past fifty years until now we can travel from ocean to ocean in one hundred hours when in the past it took months and months to make the trip. Everything has been done and is being done to open up and develop our great country from one end to the other. Homesteads, the cheapest soil lands in the Northwest and New Ontario being opened up and sold at the present rate of railway building we would soon take a run out there to spend our holidays. These portions of Canada would fill with homes for millions of people yet unborn. No country, he said had a more liberal system of education than Canada has and he praised the late Dr. Ryerson for what he had done for education. With the character of our people our natural advantages and resources no country can for at advancing as rapidly as Canada is. We care not what system of religion is all we want to know is that he is a good subject of Canada and we are all pledged to get her to work for the advancement of Canada which is destined to be one of the greatest countries in the world. He read statistics showing the great increase in the population, and surmised that we ought to manufacture all we consumed in Canada and send a surplus to other countries and concluded by paying a tribute to Canada a soldier boys who served on the Boer war.

Hon. Sir [illegible] Tarbay

Rev. J. A. Macdonald editor of the Globe made a brief and able speech in reply to the toast. He said we should believe in Canada's resources, believe in her wealth of mines seas woods and lands. We could believe in her grea resources and yet no one half of a tenth part is known. But not all these could make Canada truly great not from materia wealth but from the manhood and womanhood properly trained will spring true greatness.

We may be great because of our resources and enterprises but behind all this there must be a solid manhood independence and truth. He referred to the prosperity during the past century and said that if we all unselfishly put forth our best efforts and talk

ing advantage of every opportunity that offers the progress of the past century would be as nothing to that of the coming century. For Canada's sake he asked that in the new century all Canadians believe in her intelligence and integrity and high ideals believe that manhood is greater than everything else and the only thing that will make a country truly great.

Mr. Jabel Robinson, M.P. also replied to the toast. He said we should be men and what we undertake to do do it with all

Jabel Robinson, M.P.

oversight. He had first come to the village of St. Thomas forty seven years ago, when Joseph Ermatinger was father was Mayor of the village of his native being only behind Toronto in St. Thomas. He had much to say but no time to say it and asked those present to come down to the House of Commons and listen to him some time when he had the floor.

Mr. Henry Roe recited Canadian Volunteers.

Mr. J. H. Coyne, the vice-chairman proposed the last toast of the evening. The Talbot Settlement' and referred to the fact that the district one hundred years ago a virgin forest had been transformed into fer

The land is peopled by a happy and prosperous people. He mentioned a number of persons who had been in the Talbot Settlement who had risen to prominence and honor in

Mayor Macwatt in responding to the toast said that the banquet was a fitting opening to the Centennial Celebration. As Mayor of the city he welcomed all to the city present and hoped that the demonstration would not only be a pleasure to them. The past century had been the most progressive in the world's history. There was no doubt in regard to the future of Canada. With its resources and its manhood it was bound to go ahead. The twentieth century was Canada's century. St. Thomas led in many ways. We were pioneers in municipal ownership of

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waterworks in the making of [illegible] operation of our own electric [illegible] and educated the good people around who [illegible] other useful [illegible]

Talbot McBeth K C of London [illegible] in the opening of his response the thanks of Mrs M Beth and himself at being invited to be present and the pleasure [illegible] them. He was the owner of the Talbot farm on which [illegible] was cut one hundred years ago I was the finest spot in the fairest section of the garden of Canada. Mr McBeth threw out the suggestion that the anniversary of the Talbot Settlement should be celebrated at least [illegible] ten years and he hoped to be present on the hundredth birthday to celebrate the Jewish anniversary of the Talbot Settlement

J H Coyne B A O F A S C
ex President of Elgin Historical and Scientific Society

Mr Kenneth F Hay sang The Maple Leaf

Warden McKellar of Elgin expressed his pleasure at being present and at seeing the city so handsomely decorated but the hour being so late asked to be excused from making a speech

Mr F B Ellison of New York a St Thomas boy who had for 45 years lived under the starry banner had not forgotten the old Talbot Settlement and was a regular yearly visitor to St Thomas There were no people who felt more kindly towards Canada than the people of the State of New York They believed that Canada was the brightest star of the British Empire The American people believed that if through age the control of the Empire passed from the Mother Country it would be taken up by her daughter Canada who would bear the white man's burden In concluding he expressed the hope that the United States

and Canada would go on hand in hand together peacefully working for the welfare of the world.

Mayor Caron of Aylmer also made a happy reply in response to the toast "Sister Municipalities," Mayor Maxwell's statement that St. Thomas was the first to lead in municipal ownership. He claimed that honor for Aylmer.

A. R. Ingram, M.P., and P. C. Macdiarmid, M.P.P., briefly addressed the meeting, the latter as a native of Aldborough. He was his father before him. Auld Lang Syne was sung about two a.m.

During the reception and dinner the Musical Club rendered a choice programme of instrumental music which was thoroughly enjoyed, and added material to the pleasure of the occasion.

P. C. MacDiarmid, M.P.P.

Among those present were a newly wedded couple from Springfield who were in the city during the festive celebration by way of a bridal tour, a happy idea that would have delighted the old man whose memory was honored.

The singing of Kenneth Straley was greatly enjoyed. He was in fine voice and rendered The Maple Leaf" in splendid style. Henry Rose's recitations also was appropriate and well given.

To quote again the written whose words were given at the outset:

The speeches as a whole were excellent. The fine presence of Sir John Carling graced the table, the genial humor of Isabel Robertson, M.P., was appreciated. Mr. J. R. Cryan's address was ripe and illuminating, the earnestness of Rev. J. A. Macdonald was contagious, W. E. Ellis of New York was inspiring, Mayor Maxwell was patriotic, Mayor Caron of Aylmer was historical while the M.P.'s and later speakers were commendably brief, the genial chairman beaming over all in a benign manner.

# Empire or Educational Day

FRIDAY MAY 22nd

To-day was Educational or Empire Day, marked in the morning by the raising of the national flag with fitting patriotic exercises at two of the public schools and the separate school the formal opening by Hon. Richard Harcourt, Minister of Education, of the splendid new Collegiate Institute building, one of the finest in the Province; patriotic concerts by the school children afternoon and evening. In the afternoon Mr. Harcourt delivered an interesting and inspiring address upon practical phases of the educational question. A feature of the evening concert was the presentation of medals to the Port Stanley life saving crew for the rescue of six sailors from the American schooner Mineral State.

## THE FLAG RAISINGS

The flag raisings were interesting ceremonies attended by the Board of Education, Separate School Board, local clergymen of all denominations, the school children and a great company of parents and citizens. The Band of the 29th Regiment furnished music. The first flag was at the Separate school, whence the company proceeded to the Talbot-st. Street School and later to the Wellington Street School. The two latter took easily amongst the handsomest public schools of the province. Each is surrounded by spacious well kept lawns and rows of beautiful maples. At each school addresses were delivered by members of the Board of Education, Mayor Maxwell and the local clergy, Protestant and Catholic and patriotic choruses were given splendid readings by the children. The Collegiate Institute opening ceremony in the afternoon was prefaced by an exhibition drill by the cadet corps. They are a splendid looking company of 60 boys in a handsome uniform of blue and silver, commanded by Capt. M. H. Baker, Lieut. Gordon Macpherson, Lieut. F. Marlatt. Their manoeuvres reflected great credit upon the instructor, Capt. Jones. The school and grounds were tastefully decorated and the proceedings took place on the lawn in front of the school. Chairman Doggett of the Board of Education presided.

## MR. HARCOURT'S SPEECH

Hon Mr Harcourt said it was impossible for him to speak at any length out of doors and that fact necessitated curtailment of the address he had prepared to an indication of his salient features. He extended his warmest thanks to the committee for remembering him and extending him an invitation to be present on so important an occasion. The celebration of the inauguration of settlement in the district he said, could not have been better rounded out than by a real better day for the schools of St Thomas for the city could not prosper unless its schools and churches prospered. He was encouraged here to-day to see lections of two former Principals of the school Rev Dr Somerville of Owen Sound who had become a prominent man in his church and a useful citizen and of the late John Dearness Minister of Education than whom no Minister ever had a more loyal or more capable executive officer. Mr Harcourt referred to the magnificent school building in the city which he said were a credit not only to St Thomas but to the whole of Western Ontario. The new collegiate institute was a model of its class. It ranked among the first half dozen collegiates in the Province. He had been greatly pleased to see the cadet corps, 60 strong and hoped that every one of them would some day become Captains in the King's Army. Again the great question had arisen as to what was the best use of wages and the boys of an athlete. Mr Harcourt told the parents that they could assist the teachers by giving the boys and girls what selected books to read. He did not suggest that a boy should read many books but every boy and girl should have a few good books and thus much. He was hoping for the time when in every school in the Province would be a library of well selected books. Example was the greatest educational force known and in that regard Queens the boys and girls of the city had before them a brilliant example of the success in obtaining an educat on in the face of great difficulties. Mr Harcourt complimented the collegiate institute upon the success attained in its commercial course and commented upon the tendency of secondary education towards practical studies.

Other speakers were Mr D K Mackenzie Mayor Maxwell Rev Father Stanley Mr James H Coyne and Rev Canon Hill A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Minister of Education.

**The Children's Concerts** afternoon and evening were largely attended and highly interesting programmes of patriotic songs choruses and dances were very effectively rendered. They

were planned by Provincial and Dominion Dr Allen's two choirs were under the direction of Prof. H. Jones and the children under the direction of Miss Morris, Mrs Brown and Inspector Dixon.

## PRESENTATION OF MEDALS.

The medals presented in the evening by Mayor Stanley Ideboat were of gold, and were the gift of the President of the United States. The presentation medals that were presented for heroism in saving the captain and crew of the American schooner Mineral Spring were sent to Capt. Edgar Doherty per mail. The crew were Captain J. Rudolph Mosher, Wm. Hough, Thomas Hough, Fred Pollock, Frank Garland, Alonzo Taylor and Henry Cherry. Captain Moore and Captain Brown of the tug Gordon Brown, which saved the crew of the vessel, gave substantial assistance in manning the life-boat. Also each was presented with a handsome gold watch and chain bearing an inscription similar to that on the medals. The presentations were made by the United States Consul Col. Rourke and Mrs. Dr. Wilson, joined on the medals. Rev. J. H. Courtenay thanked the crew and commented strongly on the smallness of the pay they received, but a year each and upon the rotten condition of their lifeboat which is twenty years old.

## SEPARATE SCHOOL.

The bill assembled at the Civic Hall and played The Maple Leaf. Mr James Egan, secretary of the Separate School Board, gave an address of welcome. The flag was then to be raised and said he hoped the flag would long wave over us.

Mayor Maxwell spoke in compliments to terms of the work of the school and said his sympathy was strong with them to-day. He was sure all were pleased to be taking part in the celebration of the centennial of the settlement. He impressed upon the children the progress and advancement. He urged us thousands for school empire and everything that was to be good. He was pleased to th ink that the flag was likely to wave over a beautiful new school. It was a palace to what they had fifty years ago and they should be proud of it. But th s was an age of progress and we must keep up with the age.

D. J. Donahue, K.C. addressed the children on his usual happy vein. He was pleased to see the neat and artist ot of the Separate School Board in the hoisting of the national flag. It was thus patently to be ahead of the others he crowed them to get a pole and exactly straight. We were a Fishb o unit and agree on our flag. Why should t not be so. Had not the blood of Scotch, English and Irish been shed to sustain that flag. We were one in every respect in raising th s flag and pay

one enjoyed it. The speaker said one of the greatest reasons for rejoicing it was because it guaranteed to us the greatest liberty of speech and freedom of conscience. His trusted it would be ever respected and venerated by posterity.

Fred Doggett chairman of the Board of Education expressed his pleasure at being present. This was a gathering which all could take part and meet on a common ground. The flag they were about to raise today was the flag that the peace and protection of the whole we hilarity depended upon. As chairman of the Board of Education he invited all to follow them to the subsequent flag raisings at the dedication of the Collegiate Institute.

Col Burke U S Consul addressed the large gathering saying that after the Stars and Stripes the Union Jack flag in the world had would take off his hat to was the British flag. It was the symbol of defence of the defenceless and emancipation of equal justice to all. Every boy and girl should venerate this flag. If the flag of the country was insulted then first duty was to protect the honor of the flag. This should be a day of inspiration to the pupils of the Separate school. If they honored this flag they would be a credit not only to their community but to their country. Canada was destined to be one of the greatest nations on the face of the globe. The speaker did not think Canada would ever be annexed to the United States. The two nations stood as sisters side by side and form a powerful combinat on between the Stars and Stripes and the Union Jack.

Rev Father Stanley was warmly received. He considered an honor to g ve the original for having the first flag raised over a school in St. Thomas. He trusted the children would keep to member the occas n. He urged parents not to undermine anything what the schools were doing for the moral and welfare of their l ttle ones. He asked the hand to pledge to The Star Spangled Banner s ngs of the United States and Col Burke to be followed by the r s ng of the flag by four Separate school pupils amidst cheers and the singing of God Save the King.

Roy Power Edward Cooney Joseph Burns and Frank O'Brien were the boys chosen to r s e the flag.

## ELALALAVA STREET SCHOOL

The fine building at the east end was handsomely decorated with streamers strung from the central pinnacle of the school to the trees lining the sidewalks. An ample platform nicely draped with flags and bunting and laden with vases of bloss and pots of ferns made a comfortable and pretty vantage point from which the speakers addressed the large crowd of spectators and school

children. The window sills of the whole front of the school were in fine with flowers and foliage presenting a most attractive appearance

Principal Kerr of the school Principal McCutcheon of Myrtle street school, Rev Mr Graham Rev Mr Reede, Father Stanley Lt Col McLachlin Fred Doerr, chairman of the Board of Education, Mayor Maxwell Ex-Mayor Chant, and a number of others occupied chairs on the platform

Proceedings were opened by a chorus "The Maple Leaf, by the girls of Balaclava street school stationed in front of the platform as they sang very sweetly and creditably in perfect unison

Rev Mr Graham then led in a brief prayer

Chairman Doerr congratulated the teachers and children of the school upon the handsome decorations He urged the scholars to strive to attain the maximum marks in the coming examinations

An essay entitled "The story of the flag" was read in a clear and correct manner by Master Andrew Taylor

This was followed by a solo sung by the pupils, "The Union Jack of Old England," led by Little Miss Pauline Hall and Master Sidney Gilbert

Mayor Maxwell addressed the children and the large gathering in a speech eulogistic of the flag and the deeds of valor achieved beneath its folds in the past He referred to the late Queen Victoria and the present King and Queen The speaker referred to the decorations and the evidences of patriotism on all sides.

Miss Ethel Seborn followed with a recitation "The Union Jack" which was delivered in excellent style

Rev Father Stanley spoke to the assemblage briefly but in a most interesting manner His words were full of burning patriotism and full of warm approval of the unity and harmony which exists among all classes of the city His remarks were warmly received.

A chorus Red White and Blue followed in good style

As the band played the National Anthem the flag was raised by Miss Pauline Hall and Master Sidney Gilbert. As the banner fluttered to the masthead the boys of the school marched past, saluted the flag and performed manoeuvres under Capt Atkinson to the music of the 48th Band.

## WELLINGTON STREET SCHOOL

At Wellington street school the children were all waiting seated in rows on the lawn opposite the platform which had been erected and which was prettily draped with bunting and adorned

[illegible] greens On [illegible] of the speakers the band the [illegible]rn and many from the large gathering at Balaclava street school Mayor Maxwell Chairman Fred Doggett and Rev Father Stanley took seats on the platform

The school was handsomely decorated and the ample grounds were well crowded with spectators Among those on the platform were Rev Canon Hill Rev D R Drummond and Rev De Young Mr Doggett addressed the children and after a few patriotic remarks announced to the children that they were to [illegible] on Monday which remark was more heartily ap[illegible] by the children than any other The speaker's room

Wellington Street E East

plimentary references to the handsome [illegible] were also warmly applauded

Under the leadership of Principal Lee the scholars sang a chorus The Union Jack of Old England with a great deal of zeal

Mayor Maxwell took for his subject on which to address the children Our Country The speaker proceeded in a glowing strain of the country and described to the children the conditions out of which a very few years in the past century He impressed upon the scholars the value of education and referred to the fact

that his early education had been received at the Wellington Street school and that he had also taught in the same school.

The singing of "The Maple Leaf Forever" led by the band was well rendered by the children at the conclusion of the mayor's remarks.

Rev. D. R. Drummond addressed the children on "Our Dominion." He began by relating a story which illustrated the talk he had before him to speak on such a subject in a spare of five minutes. He urged upon the youth of our land to keep in view the wonderful possibilities of Canada. He impressed upon them the fact that life is but what we make it ourselves, no matter of what it is made and the Dominion would be what we made it.

The Land of the Maple was sung by a chorus by the pupils. Rev. Dr. Young's subject was "Our Empire." and he brought vividly before his youthful audience the wonderful forces which move the life of this twentieth century. He referred to the growth of the Empire under Queen Victoria's reign. Five continents contributed to the resources of the British Empire. Great territory and resources do not constitute an Empire. It was the flag and that which the flag represented. Where ever there was a loyal submission to the British flag there was the British Empire.

Rev. Canon Hill spoke on "Our Flag." It was the Union Jack of England, Ireland and Scotland and all Britain's colonies and dependencies. The speaker described in clear-cut terms what the British flag represented. He said in which is so familiar to British subjects he would like to see it flying over all the schools throughout the country. His address was fervently patriotic throughout and showed that how the British flag had fostered and protected the Christ as religion.

Rev. Father Stanley addressed the children and said that he would be brief as no doubt all would be hungry. He congratulated the staff of Wellington street school for their decoration and he warmly commended the Board of Education for their interest it takes in the education of the youth.

With but simple ceremony the making of the beautiful flag was accomplished and as it reached the mast-head the breeze caught its folds and it waved in royal style.

## THE COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE

Probably no one in the city deserves greater praise for the unique and artistic beauty of decoration work done than Capt. Jones of the Collegiate Institute. The handsome new building was be tifully adorned inside and out

## The Talbot Settlement

The formal opening of the new Collegiate Institute by the Hon. Richard Harcourt Minister of Education for the Province of Ontario in the afternoon of May 23rd was one of the most auspicious events of the Centennial Celebration, and one long to be remembered by the parents students and teachers of the city All of these were out in strong force and the handsomely decorated building and well kept grounds presented a pretty appearance by the presence of so many of the city's youth beauty and brawn besides hundreds of persons who were in the city for Centennial.

On the lawn to the west of the new structure the cadet corps, under the command of Instructor Jones and Capt Mason skilfully were put through the various military movements. The 25th Regiment Band was present and furnished excellent music.

C.A. Brown M.P.P.

In front of the building was erected a platform covered with an awning of red white and blue and on this were seated besides Fred Doggett Chairman of the Board of Education those who acted as chairmen the following —Rev. Father Stanley Tenark Bamwell J. F. Fraser A. W. Graham R. T. Hawkinson W. Meek His Honor Judge Hughes D. K. McKenzie S. Sifton P. W. Wright S. Decker Mayor C. F. Maxwell J. H. Coyne J. A. Kilpatrick Very Canon [illegible] and others.

The chairman in a few well-chosen remarks concerning the new school called on S. B. Woodcock who read letters expressing their regret at being unable to be present from J. Millar Deputy Minister of Education E. H. Millington M.C.R. superintendent of telegraphs Detroit Mr. South inspector of High Schools W. Parkenham principal School of Science Toronto M. W. Ford Toronto R. W. Johnson Morton Thos. Lantch Municipton J. E. Hodgson High School inspector Toronto and C. A. Brower M.P.P. East Elgin.

S. Sifton Esq. D. principal of public schools was the first speaker He congratulated the city on the fineness of the building and added that he was pleased to know the equipment and staff would be of the same quality High School work was improving The improvement started in the University was now

going on in the High Schools and would only attend to the public schools. It was just as important in the latter as in the High Schools.

D K McKenzie followed in a speech which shall printed in full with the development of higher education in St Thomas the chief town of the Talbot Settlement In 1840 said Mr McKenzie the late Col Burwell presented to the then village with a strip of land where Judge Ermatinger's residence is now located and on this was erected a frame building which was called the Seminary and was used for many years as a public school and afterwards as a Grammar School A Mr Randell was the first teacher and was succeeded by Rev Mr McIntosh The Classical School the predecessor of our Collegiate Institute was opened in 1847 by Jesse Walker who held it for a few years ago and two or three years afterwards he was succeeded by Mr Thompson In 1854 the school was recognized as the County Grammar School and the late John Fraser took charge He was followed by Rev N Burns Mr Youngblood Mr Keefer and Rev John McClure who retired in 1870 In 1875 the Public and High School were united and the old frame High School building removed to the west side of the Wellington street school which then consisted of only four rooms In 1879 J Somerville M A now Dr Somerville of Owen Sound was appointed High School teacher and Public School principal He was followed by Mr G Grant B A now P S I of Parry Sound In 1887 John M Lar ke B A now Deputy Minister of Education was appointed to the dual position which he held until elected to his present office During Mr Millar's reign the old College's Institute had been erected and the school raised to the status of a Collegiate Institute On Mr Millar's departure the offices were separated and the late Mr Shepherd appointed Upon his death the present efficient principal Mr Quance B A was appointed Under his management the school had so grown that increased accommodation was necessary and the result is the handsome and commodious building just opened

Mr McKenzie then dealt with the growth of the school since 1869 In that year the registered attendance was 8 and the average 5 while last year it fell from the registered had been 249 and the average 315 At present there were on the roll 320 One teacher did the work in 1869 and now ten teachers and a drill master are employed Seven of the teachers are specialists in their departments The expenditure had grown from $850 in 1869 to $7 500 last year

The various gold medals of honor held in Canada United States Europe Australia and Africa by ex-students of the Col

legiate was taken up, and Mr. McKenzie and St. Thomas had pleasure in the achievement of the alumni of the Collegiate Institute. Such results could not have been attained and the speaker unless the city possessed good public schools, a department that the board had always paid particular attention to. When Mr. McKenzie became a member of the board in 1869 there was only one four-roomed public school, and the total running expenses that year were $2,400 today there were five school buildings, with 42 teachers and the cost to run them amounted to $29,000. The total number of teachers and other officials on the pay roll of the board for both Collegiate Institute and public schools is 50. The total value of the school buildings and grounds controlled by the Board of Education is about $160,000. In conclusion Mr. McKenzie congratulated St. Thomas on having the handsomest and best equipped schools of any city of its size in the province and trusted that their sons and daughters will in the future as in the past, go out to do their parts as Empire builders in the great Dominion.

During the progress of Mr. McKenzie's address Hon. Mr. Harcourt arrived and was received with cheers.

Mayor Maxwell's speech was brief and to the point. He expressed his pleasure at being present and contrasted the schools of the past and the present to-day. Although he could not despise the work of our early schools, still the history of the development of the school was the history of the development of the people. The mayor also referred to the laudatory terms used by Lord Dundonald and Lord and Lady Minto towards the cadet corps and he urged the young boys to join the ranks at the first opportunity.

Rev. Father Stanley in a well worded address expressed a pleasure at being present and said a few words in praise of the new school. He said he conveyed an expression of the hearty sympathy and co-operation of the Separate School Board to the Board of Education in their efforts to embellish the minds of the youth of the country. He also congratulated the school board on their magnificent public school buildings.

The chairman then introduced the Hon. Mr. Harcourt who was received with cheers. (His speech has been already summed.)

## Centennial Celebration

In his closing remarks Mr. Harcourt referred to the handsomely decorated streets and the rejoicing manifestations in their progress during the past week. He felt sure that the issue in the future of educational matters was pleasingly settled after

Rev Canon Hill as old schoolmate of Mr. Harcourt moved a vote of thanks to him. This was seconded by J. H. Coyne who graduated from Varsity with Mr. Harcourt.

The musketry thanked his hearers for their kindness and then formally announced the new building open.

The band played the National Anthem and the crowd dispersed.

### PRESENTATION OF MEDALS

The presentation of testimonials at the Canute Rock on the evening to the Port Stanley life savers who rescued the crew of the wrecked schooner **Montreal Belle**, on 30th June last, was a pleasing feature of the Empire Day festivities in connection with the Centennial.

Dr. J. H. Wilson, ex M. P., explained to the immense crowd present, the reasons why the President of the United States had taken action to reward the services of the men.

He was followed by Col. M. Burke, L. S. Constable who said the occasion was the proudest during his incumbency of office here that testimonials had been presented. Now the Port Stanley life saving crew. The first occasion was in saving the crew of the schoone Gruton which foundered off Port Stanley in November 1879, and the rescue being at the mercy of Lake Erie for eight hours were rescued. President McKinley had been appraised of the facts by Col. Burke and the members of the life-saving crew had been testimonials. One of the old crew was a member of the present crew and would therefore possess with the men als from

Dr. H. W. Wilson, M.P.P. late Speaker

the United States Government On Oct. 30, 1902 the schooner, Imperial Slate "laden with 650 tons of coal from Cleveland for London was wrecked off Port Stanley and the crew owing to the treacherous condition of the water were unable to reach land. When about to sink the captain cut her anchor and let her drift but she went to the bottom about 200 yards from the shore The crew took to the rigging where they remained from 7:30 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. at which time the lifeboat manned by the life-saving crew took in tow of the tug Gordon Brown managed to reach the almost exhausted crew, and after an hour's struggle the sailors were brought safely to shore

Col Burke paid a glowing tribute to the valor and bravery of Chairman and Capt. Reid, and by the life-saving as well as by the Canadian heroes who fought in South Africa The Colonel announced that he presumed he would be received by daughter of Port Stanley Mrs. D. J. H Wilson

Mrs Wilson then presented Capt. Alex Brown of the Gordon Brown and Coxswain J. Reginald Moore, of the life-saving crew, with gold watches and chains and William Hough Frank Brown and Alonzo Taylor Fred Pollock Thos. Hough and Henry Cherry with medals

Mrs Wilson was the recipient of a handsome bouquet at the hands of the life savers, after an interval Refreshments had been ordered on board, but the heavy sea ran that the crowd found it impossible to hang on, thoughts of the menu Finally I was found necessary to postpone the banquet

The men were then conducted by those on the platform

Speeches fitting the occasion were then delivered by Dr Wilson, Sir J. H Courtenay Port Stanley and Mayor Maxwell

William Hough responded to the members of the crew expressing their great pride to be U. S. Government for their testimonials

The inscription on the watch presented to Capt Brown is as follows From the President of the United States to Capt. Alex Brown of the tug Gordon Brown Port Stanley Ontario in recognition of his humane services in effecting the rescue of the crew and the crew of the United States schooner Mineral State who stranded off Port Stanley on October 30 1902

On the fame of the watch is the American coat of arms.

The inscription on the watch presented to Mr Moore is the same with the name changed

The badges worn off by Frank E. Brand Alonzo Taylor Fred Pollock Thomas Hough Wm Hough and Henry Cherry are in the head of the Goddess of Liberty on the face and on the back the following inscription is engraved — Presented by the Life Saving Service of the United States in recognition of humane serv ce

## *Centennial Celebration*



affecting the rescue of the captain and crew of the United States schooner "Mineral State" wrecked off Port Stanley on Oct. 30, 1902.

The badges are suspended from a pendant bearing the words E Pluribus Unum.

Both medals and watches are of 4 karat solid gold

Peter Pocock. Esq. and Obelin Indian Band

# Pioneer Day

SATURDAY, MAY 21st

The Pioneer Procession of Saturday 21st May was one of the chief features of the Celebration. It was designed so as to be possible to link the past with the present in a striking manner.

The weather was perfect and the crowds in the streets enormous.

Shortly after one o'clock the procession moved from Smith's Corner and drew a most interesting award headed by Mrs. Hunt and Mrs. Jones, the two pioneer women who had been born in the district.

Pioneer Procession—Mrs. Hunt and Mrs. Jones, the two pioneer women who had been born in the district.

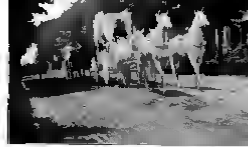
Following these rode in an old-fashioned gig Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Hunt, the latter having done yeoman service in organising the parade as well as at the opening of the Log Cabin on Metcalf Street and was fully entitled to the distinction of leading the procession. Behind them marched the Ontario Indian Band

Pioneer Physicians—Dr. Lean

Pioneer Procession—Col. Talbot (R.W. Mowry) and staff

Board. The group is a detachment of the earliest pioneers—Indians from the Thames River region, clad in the panoply of war paint and feathers. Two primitive Indian sleds drawn by Indian ponies each bore an aged Indian woman—one of whom, Katie Cornelius, was 104 years old and strong enough to have cut all her last winter's firewood. A boy papoose bestrode one of the ponies. Two ox teams followed next in historical order one drawing a truck wagon the other an ox cart both driven by white men. This formed the first section of the parade which went some 15 minutes in advance of the next to allow for the slow progress of the oxen.

The next section was headed by Mr. A. W. Moore appropriately costumed to represent Colonel Talbot on blue high collared coat, yellow waistcoat brass buttons, flowered and gilt thread



Pioneer Procession - Pure Junction - Bridal Carriages

ed waistcoat, white hat, knee breeches, booted and spurred and astride a handsome chestnut horse. In his party rode as aides Captain Hodgson of Chatsworth on a grey horse and Quarter Master Churchill on white Mare. Flying ribbon in long riding habit rode her favourite mare, and Captain Atkinson in old fashioned costume with Miss Cochrane on a pillion behind represented a comely couple travelling in the manner of the early days. Other characters as well as groups of pioneers and Indians followed and seated in the latter were Messrs. Jones Dan el Drake the oldest inhabitant of St. Thomas born here aged 84 M. Collins Handy

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It would be impossible to especially with a reasonable space all the interesting features and contrasts of the four sections in o[illegible] which the procession was d[illegible]ded.

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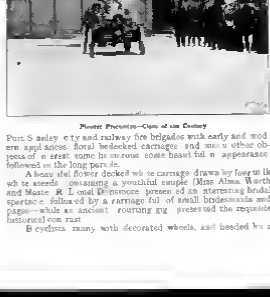

Pioneer Precession—Close of the Century

Port S[illegible]anley c[illegible]ty and railway fire brigades with early and mod[illegible]ern appliances floral bedecked carriages and many other objects of [illegible]nterest some humorous some beautiful in appearance followed in the long parade.

A beautiful flower decked white carriage drawn by four white steeds [illegible]containing a youthful couple (Miss Alma Worth and Master R[illegible]. Lonal Dingwall) presented an interesting bridal spectacle followed by a carriage full of small bridesmaids and pages—while an ancient [illegible]ourning [illegible]ig presented the requisite historical contrast

B[illegible]eyclists many with decorated wheels, and headed by a

number of the most [illegible] floats followed by a succession of the **fin de siecle** automobiles brought to conclusion the Progress of the Century. The most extraordinary historical parade which the Talbot Settlement has ever witnessed or probably shall until the next Centenary.

Dr. F. Guest on a handsome mount acted as Chief Marshal of the procession.

# Cairn Erected and Park Opened

## REPRESENTATIVES OF TOWNSHIPS IN TALBOT SETTLEMENT PLACE STONES IN POSITION.

The afternoon festivities in connection with the Pioneer Day celebration of the Centennial were divided between several attractions. At Pinafore Park a large crowd assembled to witness the erection of a cairn representing the Talbot Settlement Prior to leaving for the Pa k the representatives of the different townships were addressed a the City Ha by Andrew Maxwell who welcomed them he ty The following registered their names

Edward McKellar warden Elgin County E H Bemis reeve Vienna C. E Locke councillor Yarmouth J R Gow councillor Aldborough W J Tuttey reeve Malahide J W Matthews Malahide C O Ermatinger St Thomas J S Wiley reeve South Dorchester Geo H Shepherd Dunwich W Ross Grant Aylmer Geo A Gilbert Yarmouth A P McDougald clerk Ekfrid Frank Hunt ex reeve Southwold M W Fisher Dunwich James H Coyne S Thomas W C Caughell clerk Yarmouth Isaac Purtell Yarmouth C A Chase reeve Yarmouth A A McLean ex Warden of Dunwich R O Mills collector Yarmouth Charles M Campbell Colchester North M Campbell clerk Southwold H. Watson, clerk Orford

Edgar E McKellar warden of Elgin

Arriving at the park and before proceeding with the erection of the rockery Mayor Maxwell in a neat speech formally named the park Pinafore and declared it open.

The 24th Regiment band then rendered Rule Britannia and The Maple Leaf.

Alf Guest chairman of the Pioneer Committee then called on the representatives of the townships and the stones were

Judge Ermatinger and Pte Bartlett, Lynnwood placing Record and Cornerstone in Cairn

placed in position on the raised mound in the order that the township had been settled as follows Dunwich Southwold Yarmouth Malahide Aldborough Bayham Dorchester Westminster Oxford Howard Harwich Kelegia Tilbury Romney Colchester Mersea Gosfield Rochester Sandwich Maidstone London Houghton Middleton Lobo Caradoc Ekfrid Mosa and Zone

Surmounting all these stones was a large one bearing the inscription Erected at the Centennial celebration of the Talbot Settlement 1903 This was placed in position by Mayor Maxwell Warden McKellar Judge Ermatinger and Jas H Coyne.

Chairman Guest then called on the following for addresses J H Coyne first president Elgin Historical Society J R Gow

reeve of Dunwich W Prangle reeve of Southwold Frank Hunt, C A Chase reeve of Yarmouth, W J Lindsay reeve of Malahide Capt Fisher of Glanworth J Woolley reeve of Dorchester W Tolling reeve of Aldborough Reeve Webster of Oxford His Honor Judge Elmsmere Finlay G Macdiarmid M P P West Elgin and Ald Chase

The band then played "God Save the King.

The cairn or monument has since been made permanent and enduring the stones with other boulders, being embedded in a solid mound of concrete with a foundation three feet deep. Within has been enclosed a metal lined box containing copies of the official Programme of the Celebration newspapers containing accounts of the Celebration Canadian coins etc

This small monument will be an object of increasing interest to each succeeding generation who will ask their fathers to name to come saying "What mean ye by these stones" (Josh. 4-6) —and the answer will be that they are a memorial of the passing out of the Jordan west of the fire-proving of the Talbot Settlement, whose townships the stones typify

## MATCH AT THE OPENING OF THE NEW ATHLETIC GROUNDS

At four o clock Saturday afternoon Mayor Maxwell pronounced the new athletic grounds at the foot of East street open to the public and then the fantastic teams of St. Thomas and London faced each other in a battle for supremacy The contest proved to be a very one-sided affair as the score—10 to 0—would indicate The St Thomas boys lost because the recombination work would not score goals for them and they could not prevent the wearers of the gold and purple from taking my

Umpire —W J Young Rodney

About 500 people witnessed the game

## OCTOGENARIAN LADIES' TEA

A very interesting though somewhat pathetic sight was the tea party given in the Grand Central Hotel on Saturday afternoon. Thirty five old ladies accepted the invitation of the ladies of the Elgin Historical Society and seemingly enjoyed the splendid repast that had been prepared for them Some were so feeble as to be hardly able to walk some walked with the aid of crutches and some were taken to the rink in invalid chairs They wore the old fashioned hats bonnets shawls and gowns One lady wore a shawl brought ten years before Queen Victoria was born Mrs. Lynch wore a dress that she purchased in a store at the box sent of Blackwood a full sixty years ago Among those present were Mrs McPherson (nee Catharine McGugan) born in New

Glasgow Aldborough now living in Wardsville 82 next September

Mrs Wm. Coyne (nee Christina Patterson), born near Eagle in 1822 18th of May, 82 years of age now living in St Thomas.

Mrs. Samuel Boswell (nee Rhoda Crandall) born and still lives in Pingal 72 years of age one of the earliest settlers if this county

Mrs Wm. Martin (nee Nancy J. Duncombe born in Middleburg Schoharie County N Y April 10th 1819 84 years of age

Mrs. Amanah Sutton (nee Jane Sharon) born on the Back Street Elgin county 14th May age 83

Mrs Wm Otis Lynch (nee Jane Rogers), born in Longford Ireland now living in Yarmouth 3 miles from St Thomas age 84 This lady was a distinguished guest at the tea owing to the fact that she wore a dress and yellow silk shawl which were bought by her mother before Queen Victoria was born.

Mrs John Mason (nee Isabella Wade) born in county 4 miles from London Eng now living in Port Stanley age 83

Mrs Finley Green (nee Mary Selle) born on the Back Street Elgin County age 83

Mrs. Henry Wilcox (nee Phoebe Smith) born in Talbotville, lives in St Thomas age 87

Mrs David Parish (nee Louise Ferris) born in Hamburg, 9 miles from Buffalo age 88

Mrs John King (nee Elizabeth Teetzel born in Southwold near Fingal age 82 living in St. Thomas.

Mrs Nathaniel Yale (nee Mary Tyck) born in the State of Maine, Orange county lived John New Brunswick age 87

Mrs Thomas Higley (nee Frances Lane born in Hambleton Buckinghamshire now living in St Thomas age 83

Ruth C Nicholls born in Digby Nova Scotia living in St Thomas Bible Worker Seventh Day Adventist age 83

Mrs John Elliott (nee Margaret Reeve) born in Dundrefs shire Scotland now living in St. Thomas age 89

Mrs Patrick Rowly (nee Bridget Doyle) born in Ireland County Meaford home in St Thomas age 84

Mrs. John Heard (nee Susanna Grace Taylor) born in Rox hare near Torquay England in George III s reign settled near Peterborough on Rice in 1833 came to St Thomas 70 years ago in 1850 and settled upon the lot on which she still lives on Scott street

Mrs Anne Jones born in Yarmouth 3 mile from St Thomas as home now in city age 85

Mrs Watson Parker (nee Rebecca Brown) born on miles

Mrs. Sutton, Mrs. King, Mrs. Parkes, Mrs. Parish, Mrs. Coyne, Mrs. Mason, Mrs. Vail, Miss Stafford, Mrs. Young

Mrs. Bligh, Mrs. Lyall, Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Mann, Mrs. W. Eaton, Old Ladies in Black, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Wilson.

Centennial Celebration

from A...ers. Was born in Wales in Luson age 89

Mrs. Dr. Wallen (nee Sarah Coburn) born in Granby drew land from Col. Talbot when 2 years old lives in Aldebaran age 80

Mrs John Sells (nee Maria Leonard) born in New York State, lives in Michigan at present, age 83

Mrs H.F. Hopkins (nee Cynthia Anne Phelps) born in Ohio, now in Derby age 82

Mrs. Horace Brotherhood (nee Jane Ross) born in Glengarry, Upper Canada now in city, age 80.

Mrs. Shuford (nee Elizabeth Wise) born in Argyleshire Scotland, home here, age 83

Mrs Wallace, home now here age near 80

Mrs. Lewis (nee Mamie Peters) born in Upper Canada resides this side of Kingston age 83, lives in St. Thomas

Mrs. Thos Young (nee Annie Wilson) age 79

Mrs. Wm. Forsyth (nee Magda Hutchinson) born in Elgin Scotland lives in St. Thomas age 84

Mrs John Williams (nee Amy Bell) born in Southwold where she still lives age 82

Mrs Wm Luton (nee Eliza Crane), born in Malahide now lives in Magdala age 80.

Mrs W. Lively (nee Grace Brayley) born in Malahide age 87

Mrs. Jacob Doo (nee Mary Ann Oakes), born in New Sarum where she still lives age 89

Mrs Geo Mann (nee Melinda Moak) born in St. Thomas still lives here age 82

Mrs Wm Dodson (nee Elizabeth Tweed) born in County Antrim, Ireland lives at Talbotville at present age 89

Mrs. Andrew Miller (nee Mary Perdue) born in England lives two miles from St. Thomas age 8

## WELCOME TO OLD BOYS AND GIRLS

The welcome to old boys at Metcalfe street took on Saturday a glad was attended by a large crowd The 37th Regiment band played a capital program and Dr. Guest presided over the gathering with excellent judgment The entertainment itself from the band music to speeches of welcome by Major Maxwell and Dr Guest an eloquent response by Mr. W. B. Elkins of New York and an exhibition of trick bicycle riding by Champion Grant of Toronto who did some marvelous feats from Indian war dance corn dance bear dance to sword dance and snake dance to an excellent speech by Chief Levi Doxtater of the Oneida Reserve Then the old-fashioned ye song wheels operated by

Mrs St. Thomas Smith and Mrs Saltzberry were the ladies in charge. Miss McLean worked in the kitchen. Home cooking was made by the late Abraham Waugh of Shedden from wheat grown on his farm in Southwold. The log cabin was a point of interest visited by several persons per head. Little Phyllis Armstrong danced the Highland Fling to Piper Smith's bagpipe music, and had to respond to an encore and Square Hunt. Old Pioneer generations when neighbors helped each other's barn raisings, husking bees, maple sugar camps, when there was very little money, and no wages to be paid for marrying couples with $2 worth of sweet cakes or beeswax. He told of a man named Brown who was married by Colonel Burwell. The bridal couple went to the Col. seated on a single horse were married, paid their beeswax presented again and started for home. On the way the republican Brown turned his head to kiss his bride was taken with a shock on the neck and never got straight again. He was ever after known as "Old Neck Brown."

(Great laughter.)

Mrs. S. Thomas Smith
Courtesy Elgin Historical and Art Assn

Mr Ellis in a speech held close attention as he told of the success of Canadian lawyers and Elgin county boys in the United States. They [illegible] in banking circles but wherever he had met them [illegible] Heroes parts of the States they were an honour to this country. He was glad to return to the scenes of his boyhood and said there was something wrong with a man who did not want to visit old home.

The Indians who danced were Kayentoke whose name in English is Abram K. Schuyler Oyagawa (Anthony Day. Yonwanondaks (William John Shotsyapa (Peter Silver) Sogovar-

quasi a little bay whose English name was not secured.) Kwiter Kariahanoron (Nicholas Nicholas) Showeston (Isaac Summers) Reiu Keyarastiele (Albert Curtis)ohi Skaiuontacta (Daniel Nicholas) and Tato (William Doxtater)

Chief Levi Doxtater made a speech abounding in good sense and good suggestions. A speech which would have done credit to any member of Parliament. He explained that the Indians who had taken part in the dances were good, prosperous farmers and had donned the costume in the style of their forefathers of a hundred years ago as a means of illustrating the progress that has been made. As Pioneer Day was over 70 years old and as active as his conveyance as a chair of 40

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He had seen Col. Talbot in person. He spoke of an old lady aged 104 who was in the day's procession and another age 98. The latter lived in her own wigwam and cooked her own food last winter and earned her living by making baskets. The Indians of 100 years ago lived on fish and bear meat and corn bread. Their clothing was very fitting they could get to range them. His (Mr Doxtater's) grandfather had run all night carrying he mails. The speaker reviewed Indian history and told of the confederation of five tribes who had been at war but had got together and pledged themselves to protect each other in the interest of peace. David W. Williams was a farmer in comfortable circumstances who lived in his own good brick house and was respected by the business people of St. Thomas and London. Mr Doxtater thought the Indians were doing well considering their opportunities and he hoped the time would soon come when they would be soon declared wards to be enfranchised and take their place alongside the white men—when they would not be set apart on reservations but be allowed to own their farms and have a voice in the government of the country. He thanked the Missionary Society for the benefits of the schools and for

the exertions for the improvement of the Indians

The Chief's speech was listened to with eager interest and loud applause followed it

Mayor Maxwell said a few complimentary words and thanked Mr Dostater for his excellent address

Dr Guest added a few words of appreciation and the entertainment closed with the National Anthem

There was great cheering when Frank Hunt escorted the aged Indian lady to the centre of the arena

Mrs Payne proved herself to be an expert with the old fashioned spinning wheel

His Honor D J Hughes Senior Judge of Elgin himself a resident of the settlement for some 67 years and of St Thomas some fifty years ago when he was appointed the first Judge of the County of Elgin was invited to address the assembled Die Boys upon this memorable occasion but being indisposed did not appear His non-appearance was regrettable as the occasion was appropriate the attendance large and enthusiastic and the evening fine

# Centennial Sunday

MAY 24th

The 6th Royal Grenadiers of Toronto and the 24th Hamilton Infantry of Chatham were the two visiting regiments with which the 25th Elgin Infantry and the College Institute Cadets formed the Military Brigade at the Celebration.

The Grenadiers arrived by two special trains at 8 and on Sunday morning and at once went into the camp already prepared for them on the beach fall camp grounds at Pinafore Park.

Services and sermons appropriate to the occasion were looked for at all the city churches and when the brigade (without the 24th which did not arrive from Chatham until the evening marched into and up Wellington street each corps headed by its fine bands—large congregations were already flocking to all the churches.

PATRIOTIC SERMONS WERE PREACHED AND PATRIOTIC MUSIC SUNG TO LARGE CONGREGATIONS

## TRINITY CHURCH—BISHOP BALDWIN

Large congregations attended the services in Trinity Church on Sunday when His Lordship Bishop Baldwin preached two appropriate sermons. The morning service was attended by four companies and Eagle band of the Royal Grenadiers under command of Major Meyers Adjutant C. N. Sharly and about forty-five members of the Collegiate Institute cadet corps in charge of Drill Instructor T. H. Jones. Adjutant George Stacey of the local bat alion also accompanied the Grenadiers. The military beaming of both corps was splendid and flattering remarks were heard on all sides.

In the morning Bishop Baldwin referred to the many wonderful changes that had taken place in the Settlement since Col. Talbot lelled the first tree. That these changes were advances along higher lines was wholly due to the fact that those who have gone before us were men and women who had the fear of God before them, men of patriotic stock and daughters of loyal and were loyal to their country and then God.

Many of these old families had passed away since his first visit to this city forty three years ago and among the most honored of those still living was David J. Hughes who has been judge of Elgin County for fifty years and whose noble face he was

pleased to notice among the congregation. Speaking particularly to the Greenshirts the Bishop said he felt the deepest interest in them because they came from a city in which he spent his early days, and also because their armorary shoplifter was his own brother. A real soldier, said the Bishop, is one who has overcome himself.

In the evening His Lordship preached the annual sermon to the Sons of England. The Chester, No. 10 and Truro No. 62 being both well represented. His Lordship preached an eloquent discourse.

Speaking directly to the Sons of England he said it gave him great pleasure to speak to a society which represented such old England's and he wished to encourage them in their work of love and charity. England stands for liberty and all that is right and good.

In concluding the Bishop said the words was not wanting for more wealth nor an increase of her forces but was patiently awaiting the coming of the King who will be the only Solver of this world's great problems.

## HOLY ANGELS—FATHER STANLEY

At Holy Angels Church on Sunday chairs had to be placed in the aisles, so great was the attendance at both services. At high mass Rev. Father Stanley reviewed the history of the Catholic Church in the Talbot Settlement. He pointed out that when the Neutral tribe of Indians flourished there the first missionaries to attempt their evangelization were two heroic Recollet brothers, Fathers Brebeuf and Chaumont. They traversed the Indian trail since known as Talbot street from Brantford to Windsor preaching as they went. The nearest village to St. Thomas they named Our Lady of the Holy Angels hence the name of this Church and parish. The Indian fort or village beyond Fingal they called St. Alexis. The Neutrals refused the gospel. Ten years later they were destroyed by the Five Nations tribe of New York State. In 1670 two Sulpician priests Dollier and Galinee passing westward wintered at Port Dover where they set up a cross affixing thereto the arms of the King of France with an inscript re claiming possession of the country by right of discovery for christianity and for France. halted a short time at Port Stanley where they celebrated mass —the very first Christian worship in that whole region—and proceeded along shore till Detroit River was reached. They were accompanied by the famous explorer La Salle the discoverer of the Ohio River. The next white man to darken the Kne shore was Father Hennepin in 1679. His sketch of Niagara Falls in the

oldest in existence. In 1809 came the Talbot Settlement, and the gradual but gratifying growth of Catholicity therein.

The procession to the Catholic cemetery, which was supplanting the school children leading headed by the 25th Regt and followed by fraternal and other societies and members of the congregation. On arriving there hymns being sung. Rev Father Stanley mounted the platform and led the assemblage in prayer, all kneeling on the green sward after which he delivered a fitting address. In the evening he lectured on "Good Literature" warning his hearers against the reading of the sensational, trashy, unchaste papers novels and magazines now flooding the land.

The music was under the able direction of Mr W P Reynolds of London, and was excellently rendered

KNOX CHURCH — REV D R DRUMMOND

Rev D R Drummond addressed the officers and men of the 25th Regiment as well as an immense congregation at the morning service in Knox Church Sunday. The body of the church was entirely filled the soldiers occupying the front seats. The gallery was also thrown open and was filled. Mr Drummond delivered an excellent discourse based upon Deut. 8 : 2 and the 1st verse of the 103rd chapter of Romans; which also upon the words of Psalm 103 16. The lands are fallen unto me in pleasant places; yea I have a goodly heritage." The speaker urged the duty of remembering the blessings of the past and how much the present owes to the past. It was necessary that made man. He emphasized the idea of memory in which all other faculties are subservient and on which they are dependent. In naming the speaker paid a warm tribute to the sterling qualities of the early pioneers to whom the younger generations were indebted for the advantages and inestimable of today and for their own inherent qualities of worth. He hereby referred to the wonderful development of Canada during the past century and the natural resources which have been developed. In paying a tribute to the military powers of Canada Mr Drummond said we had no desire to be known as a land of fighters but did desire to be able and ready to fight whenever it became necessary. It was a Canadian boy upon whose breast was placed the first Victoria Cross. He was pleased that Knox Church had been chosen as the place of worship for the day of the soldier boys of our own city. He closed by urging them if they wanted to render their country patriotic service to cultivate their own manhood and the Christian virtues.

A number of visiting Old Boys were present one of whom Wm McElroy occupied his old place in the choir. Local

Spencer of Moncton was also present in uniform among his former fellow officers.

The choir sang very acceptably. Miss Lorne Scott taking the solo part in the anthem. Miss Lewis also sang. Lead Kindly Light" and Mr Kenneth Finlay sang very impressively. The Holy City. The service throughout, were is not enjoyable.

## CENTRAL METHODIST REV H W CREWS

The people of the Central Methodist Church had the interior of their place of worship handsomely decorated with flags and flowers Sunday and had the gratification of the presence of the Right half of the Royal Grenadiers Regiment of Toronto at the morning service. Col. Shannon also attended during the time. The pastor Rev. H. W. Crews preached a thoughtful sermon a retrospect of this century while progress from the ox cart the stable and the flail to the self binder, the railroad and the automobile—from the log cabin such as that on Metcalfe street to the palatial residences of today. Had it not been for the strong pluck of the men and women who lived in the log cabins we would not have had the advantages and comforts we enjoy today. He welcomed the visiting soldiers to the church and hoped there year to the city would be pleasant. The musical service rendered by the choir included the anthems "A Dream of Paradise (Rodney) and "Charging the foe" "Words Sword" Ever There" (Shelley) with solos by Mrs Dempster. Miss Riches Messrs. De Casteret and Ley all well sung. Mrs Dempster also sang the solo "Two Angels with violin obligato heard fully played by Miss Gertrude Huntley. With a finely judged accompaniment by Mrs. Stacey. the ensemble was excellent and most pleasing. While the congregation was assembling Mr Stacey played "The Maple Leaf and during the entrance of the solo ere gave DeKoven's setting of Kipling's Recessional. The solo room was thrown open and the building was completely filled.

In the evening there was an over large congregation and Mr Crews preached a prospective sermon outlining what he believed we might expect during the century to come. He believes we will have much swifter means of transportation than the railroad speed of 60 or 70 miles an hour that trolleys will radiate in all directions so that the congestion of the cities will be obviated by business men riding out to the suburbs to live that alcohol will be banned for fuel which he hoped would be the case for it would be better to burn it than drink it we will be better fed and suffer less from dyspepsia bacteriologists would hunt out and destroy the deadly microbe the great discrepancy between the rich and poor will disappear we will have more demo-

[illegible] ideal moral government of the people by the people for the people will never [illegible]. He predicted municipal ownership of [illegible] without a little rake-[illegible] bribery, which was due to indifference. With the stamped out. Science which had been made a means of destroying Christianity was now endorsing it and would do so more and more and more. Great divisions would disappear, men would rise to save each other instead of seeking to damn each other. There would be believed, be a reign of love which would consequently generate fresh impetus for good.

## FIRST METHODIST—REV. DR. YOUNG

In the First Methodist Church Sunday night Rev. Dr. Young preached on Monuments from the text which [illegible] these stones [illegible] Joshua 4, 6. After a reference to monuments in general Dr. Young spoke of the cairn erected at Pinafore Park and proceeded to describe the conditions which made possible the progress and advancement of the century. The Doctor attributed these to noble ambition with persistence, education and religion. He said, if I had the forming of the procession Saturday I would have had in it a representative of the old pioneer school teacher who taught for $1.00 a month and boarded around. We are indebted to him more than we think. I would also have placed in the procession a representative of the old pioneer preacher with his saddle bags.

During the service the choir sang Kipling's Recessional. Mrs. Christmas rendered the solo part. Percy Newcombe rendered a solo and Miss Winnie Graham and Mr. Walter Nickworth gave a duet.

# Victoria Day

MAY 25th

## MILITARY PARADE

The start/out of the v e ting regiments Monda [illegible] was witnessed by thousands of people The brigade was [illegible] been in charge of Lt Col Pe ers D O C No d stric h [illegible] to his being taken suddenl [illegible] on Sunda morning he could [illegible] come and Lt Col McLaclil n commander of the [illegible] h reg ment as senior officer took command of the brigade Major Mason

Cen [illegible] ion Park

his Grenadiers ac e [illegible] apt Tootsel se orderly officer The [illegible] people all along the route of march a l [illegible] a a n appearance The Grenadiers w h l e [illegible] a b [illegible] e neat looking path Each man own ade helmet ed [illegible] bear u d spra s and the soldierly cadets all marched well and looked well. The route of march was a long one and the visiting soldiers must have thought that St Thomas was a city of magnificent distances Before t was

[illegible] were present [illegible] taking a very active part in the proceedings.

## THE OPENING OF THE ARMOURY

The new armoury of the 25th regiment was formally opened on the proceedings commencing at [illegible]. The meeting was chosen with the 25th and Cadets were drawn up in front of the armoury and there was also present a large number of citizens.

The speaking took place from the balcony of the [illegible]

Group Members of 25th Battalion

[illegible] presented [illegible] making [illegible] speech was next called upon to [illegible] and [illegible] He said the people could look to the efficiency of the regiment as in the past. He believed in encouraging the militia element. We had lived through a peaceful period and we could thank the Mother Country for the protection. We had not had a large military establishment. He thought that a competent man should be kept in every district and well paid to keep the militia in an efficient state. When we required the military it was like the need of a physician—they

were required quick. The commander of every military district should attend to military duties alone so that all the militia would be well-trained and able to protect their own and the lives dependent upon them. This 97th has now a splendid lecture hall and armoury in which to prepare themselves. He welcome the Grenadiers and 74th Kent regiment and expressed the hope that better facilities would be afforded in the future to the militia of Canada

Mr Isabel Robinson M. P. said that the British soldiers had succeeded in giving us the greatest empire the world had ever seen. He was sure that they would do their duty if called upon. We lived in times of peace but we did not know how long that would be peace and every young man should be drilled in the art of war. The principal thing was to learn to shoot and hit the target. He was proud to see the young men interested themselves in military matters.

A. W Ingram M. P.

Col.Stimson of the 97th Regt Grenadiers was received with cheers. He hoped to be a member but need he was not much of a speaker. He thanked the citizens of St Thomas and the committees for the kindness shown the Grenadiers. The best wishes they ever had and the kindness of weather had been provided. He thanked the citizens for their kind treatment.

Mr A. W Ingram M. P. expressed his pleasure at being present to take part in opening the grand armoury. He be great it would do much to perfect the 97th regiment. He had a very keen an active interest in the Cadets. A corps of which the city was proud. In a few years the boys will take the place of the militia. The Cadet corps form the nucleus for the permanent military force of the country. Since the South African war the tactics of military warfare have changed. What we want now is men who can shoot not men on the cross form a square and prepare for the charge of cavalry. He regretted that he had not a military training so as to enable him to discuss the matter in military terms and as it should be discussed. He could wanted

the officers and visiting soldiers on their conduct so far and hoped that nothing would occur to mar their visit and that they would return some day to pay us another visit.

Lt.-Col J. H. Rankin of the 29th Kent regiment was received with cheers. He has come and there. He expressed the hope that the Talbot Settlement would continue to grow and prosper, so that at the next centennial this district would be many times as populous and prosperous as it was at the present time. He thought even with so many fine buildings that it would be wrong not to open the armoury. The Colonel closed his address with a well told little story.

Dr. J. H. Wilson and Mr. ... said that Canadians were not only capable of developing this great country, but of providing for its army the best soldiers the world could produce. The militia of Canada were ever ready to sacrifice themselves for the benefit of their country. The Doctor also recommended that every soldier should learn to shoot and referred to the South African war when Canadians stumbled over each other to get enlisted in the service and when they did get to South Africa they made a record in the field that ... the eyes of the world to Canada. Their capture of Cronje had virtually settled the war. He referred to the magnificent armoury now erected by the city, which he had fought industriously for. While it was needed to protect the soldiers for legal purposes, he could never imagine when they would be called upon to save the lives or defence of their country. He paid a high compliment to the Collegiate Cadets and pointed out the benefit derived from the drill and instruction received in the Cadet Corps.

Judge Ermatinger said that the soldiers wanted to get to their dinners. (Loud cheers from the soldiers.) He congratulated the three visiting regiments and the Collegiate Cadets on their smart appearance.

Lt.-Col. McLachlan, commanding officer of the 29th regiment said that too years ago this district was spoken of as old then and he thought it fitting that this building should be formally opened at this time. He declared the building formally opened and asked all to come and inspect it.

Col. Rankin proposed cheers for the 29th regiment and Cadets and Mayor Maxwell three cheers for the Grenadiers and 29th Kent which were heartily given.

Three cheers were given for the King and then the crowd flocked in to inspect the armoury.

## THE AFTERNOON PARADE

At 2 p m the brigade assembled on the west side of the park and with Col McLachlin as chief officer rode a few degrees Then the troops marched past in open column and close column the Grenadiers leading the 45th next and the 29th following while the Collegiate cadets brought up the rear As during the street parade the cadets marched more perfectly than the red coats At the troops however marched well and as each company passed the stand there was great cheering The beautiful ceremony of trooping the colors performed by the Grenadiers followed when the brigade was dismissed The physical drill by

a packed square of [illegible] and [illegible] his to extraordinarily spectacle of the afternoon and [illegible] gave [illegible] to [illegible] the lock like movement of its [illegible] kept time to the music of the band The fine [illegible] Caotion of uniformed Oddfellows under Capt Squires with its beautiful uniform was excellent le done and aroused [illegible] applause

After that the chief attraction was a match followed

Play [illegible] had stopped the [illegible] broke camp at 5 o clock and marched by way of Talbot street to the Grand Trunk station the band playing and the men singing Rule Britannia to the delight of the thousands upon thousands of spectators who lined the streets Cheers were given by the Grenadiers for St

Scene at Tooping

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## E ENING CONCERT

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ade a ew rer s ks and the postponed bicycle races were con
ple d There were six entries n the b cycle race which was won
by Gordon Boode Mc Gran ga e an exhibition of fanc and
trick ic cle riding

# Ontario Historical Society Meeting

On Wednesday and Thursday afternoons the Society met in the handsome and spacious Court Room of the County Court House, St. Thomas. The President, C. C. James, in the chair. General Secretary R. Pattullo, Woodstock; Vice President, David Boyle; Secretary-Treasurer, Col. E. B. Edwards, K. C., Pot Arthur. Mrs. J. D. Thompson and Mrs. Alfred Watson, Toronto, both among the officers and councillors of the Society, were present together with a large number of members and delegates.

The afternoon session was taken up chiefly by the reading of the Secretary's and Treasurer's reports and by reports of the various affiliated societies after which an adjournment was made to the Room of the Local Society in the Court House where the Chairman, Mrs. St. Thomas Smith, had arranged the Museum and Library of the Institute for inspection. After registration of the names of the visiting members and delegates, they were treated by the Epworth Leaguers and Secretary to a trip over the Electric Railway to Pinafore Park and around the Belt Line, during the Centennial Charm at the Park and the City Hall for a rest.

The register showed the following, and a number passed unregistered:

George R. Pattullo, Woodstock, Oxford Historical Society
Justice A. Griffin, Hamilton, Wentworth Historical Society
Miss E. J. Chamelle, Belleville, Ont.
James Egan, London
C. O. Erntal, Copper Edge
Alfred Watson, York Pioneer Society, Toronto
Judge R. S. Woods, Chatham
Rob. J. Wemyss, St. Thomas, Canadian Methodist Historical Society
Mrs. C. Pesandon, Wentworth
E. B. Edwards, Peterborough
Judge Robb, Norfolk
H. H. Robertson, Wentworth
Thos. Conan, Oshawa
Jas. H. Coyne, St. Thomas
Jos. mas Adams, Sarnia
Miss Margaret F. Allan, Bowmanville
Miss M. E. Ruddell, Bowmanville

D. W. F. Campbell, Jas. Egan, C. E. Leonard, Miss Preston, London.

The St. Thomas lady members present were:

Mrs. J. H. Wilson, president of Women's Auxiliary; Mrs. St. Thomas South, Curator of local society; Mrs. N. W. Moore, Mrs. J. T. C. Fisher, Miss. Travers, Mrs. Silcox, secretary local society; Women's Auxiliary; Mrs. Ermatinger, and Vice-president Charlotte S. Wegg, assistant secretary, Miss S. Burns.

## ADDRESSES OF WELCOME.

At the evening session extemporaneous addresses of welcome were delivered by Alderman Luton for the Mayor of St. Thomas, who was absent in Toronto, and Warden McKellar for the County Council. Elgin, who adjourned for the occasion, after which Judge Ermatinger, President of the local Society, read an address as follows:

Mr. President and the Members of the Ontario Historical Society:

In bidding you welcome on behalf of the Elgin Historical and Scientific Institute, I was told I should follow established usage in committing to writing what I might have to say.

Your Society meets for the first time in the centre of what was long known as the Talbot Country, a country not wanting in interest to the antiquarian and the historian.

To-morrow, if the weather be propitious, you will have an opportunity of visiting and inspecting the spot where the remains of an ancient entrenchment or fortified village of the aboriginal inhabitants still exists, after the lapse of centuries, as a silent witness as well of their power, as of the skill found elsewhere in this Dominion.

You will then at a distance of only some three or less than three miles be able to visit and personally inspect the spot where the founding of that prosperous settlement began, his work of introducing what we call civilization in this region by felling the first tree and establishing his home at Port Talbot.

Just four years ago I had the honour of calling the attention of the members of our Institute and the public to the then approaching Centennial anniversary of that event, and without further trespassing on your time by detailing what is already set forth, I believe in our formal report to your Society, I may say the inhabitants of the district have recently participated with many brothers and sisters from abroad in a five day celebration, commencing on the anniversary day, 21st May, with a hearty and a liberality and a success extremely gratifying to all our people, and especially so to the members of our Institute

who suggested it, and to which it is hoped your meeting here will form a fitting climax.

I may say that the 21st May was from 1825 to 1838 as there about, marked by a festival held here except for the last couple of years when it was held in London, under the name of the Talbot Anniversary as a personal tribute to Colonel Talbot by the settlers—while not recent Centennial Celebration was held in honour of all the Pioneers the Colonel inclusive) who not only laid the foundations but built up the fortune of this prosperous and happy settlement.

And it is a somewhat interesting historical fact that the suggestion to widen the programme of the Talbot Anniversary festivals of old was due to Dr. John Rolph himself at this time a settler living within a mile of St. Thomas and a friend and professed ardent admirer of Colonel Talbot who at the time the last festival was held was an exile from the country then his avowed political course, to and the Colonel politically under as the poles asunder The prominent man who on the other hand opposed the inauguration of the Talbot Anniversary at that time (Say was Colonel Burwell who nevertheless continued to enjoy Colonel Talbot's friendship and political support I believe to the last showing as it seems to me, that Colonel Talbot was capable of magnanimity of feeling and judgment unfettered by petty considerations

Colonel Talbot's life work and the anniversary festivals practically closed about the same time for he reformed Mrs. Jamieson in 1837 that he had accomplished what he had set out to do. The festival until 1838 the intervening years were the period of his decline. He was a product of the Georgian era and his power as the uncrowned King of these regions may be said to have expired with the last of those Kings whose confidence he enjoyed and under whom he flourished.

The reign of the young Queen who then ascended the throne was almost co terminus with our settlement a century. In it material political and educational conditions not possible under former conditions has been made and nowhere in Victoria the Good held in deeper reverence than in the Talbot settlement.

I may add that it was the hope of our last rule to have unveiled on the rest of May last on the Court House Square in this city a fitting memorial of Her Gracious Majesty which would by appropriate embellishments and inscriptions have also suitably commemorated the settlement and its pioneers and history Owing to circumstances beyond the Executive control which I need not detail this was impossible of accomplishment though

I hope that some suitable memorial of her Majesty may yet adorn this city. Meantime a local historical memorial intended to be as permanent, if in coarser form, has been erected at Pinafore Park in the shape of a Census of Canada each representing and having engraved upon it the name of one of the original 29 townships comprised within the Talbot Settlement with which will perish permanent oblivion, will be deposited documents relating to the present Centenary.

At the risk of being considered heterdox I venture the opinion that the historian should not stop short at the collection of dry facts the preservation of musty documents and the planting of memorials of the past. It seems to me that he invades the higher part of his province if he fail to place the facts in their true setting of surrounding details and conditions, at least so as to assure that the lamp of knowledge he sheds may enable those who may go forward into the future to profit aright each and all of the objections and pitfalls of the past.

Judging Colonel Talbot for instance, by present day standards he does seem to depict him as a monster of cruelty, oppression, despotism and intemperate assertion. It seems rather the fashion now to run him. Placed in the light and shade and amid the circumstances of the days in which he lived probably he would not appear in a too unfavorable light.

Surely we must make allowance for the hot Patriotism of the times which had ended in the state of the first Governor [illegible] a duel completely shocked. Duelling condemned as a necessary mode of settling certain disputes or man wears after which laughing and [illegible] were necessary social accomplishments [illegible] was general and who to whom he were granted [illegible] who made on sacrifice either of money or effort [illegible] time to his extend the Colonel Talbot did [illegible] on schemes for his enrichment of speculators [illegible] benefit of the colonists he was best known [illegible] was Responsible government was imperfectly understood at the mother land and much less in the colonies.

I mention these things not as an apologist for Colonel Talbot or defender of his methods or habits but simply to show the necessity for surrounding historical characters with the atmosphere and circumstances in which they lived.

We may boast of our material advancement of our progress in education art and science but are we more loyal true moral and God fearing than were the early pioneers with their true large families of for the most part. Our fair sons and daughters!

Are we better men and women than they—individually socially and politically purer and less corrupt?

It may be the historian has no business to suggest, much less to attempt to answer such questions yet if he does he's duty is, presenting the Past to the gaze of the Future the questions will suggest themselves and upon the answer we are able to truthfully give to them, depends the verdict whether we have made use of our superior advantages and opportunities to fulfil what it was intended we should be or do when we were placed in this favourable region of the world. As it was first we have asked as we then let us make ourselves to put the next century to better use.

Lest I should be accused of preaching when I should speak words of compliment let me close by commemorating you upon the good work being done by the Ontario Society, in the valuable collections and publications being given to which your efficient Secretary is especially interested. I believe. The recent published work of our old your past President Mr Coyne we are glad to know forms a valuable addition to the Literature of the Society.

I hope, Mr. President ladies and gentlemen the present meeting may prove a pleasant as well as profitable one to us all.

C. C. ERMATINGER
President Elgin Historical & Se[illegible]

President James read a letter which was of some length and full of interest about the unveiling of the monument erected in his memory at Toronto which rendered the subject of the address a timely one. Though too long for reproduction here Dr. James' valuable contribution appears in the publication of the Provincial Society.

In the absence of Col Clarke of Elora who was to have read a paper Judge Ermatinger read his paper announced for the afternoon on the early life of Col Talbot

## VISIT TO SOUTHWOLD EARTHWORKS AND PORT TALBOT

On the morning of June 4th about 9 o'clock the members of the Ontario Society and the Elgin County Council were driven by the members of the local Society to the old Indian Port or Earthworks on Mr. Henderson's farm in Southwold the largest and best preserved earthworks of the kind in Canada where a very interesting address on Ontario Onomatology was given by H. F. Gardiner of Hamilton and one upon the Earthworks themselves by David Boyle the Archeologist and Secretary and an enjoyable luncheon partaken of

The Otter—Port Stanley—Erie

The party next drove to Port Talbot where they were welcomed by Mr Taft, Macbeth Kains, the genial Historian, and Mrs Macbeth and spent a very pleasant afternoon in viewing the historic place. Were escorted through the grounds by Col. Talbot, the spot where the original log house was built by the Colonel being pointed out by Mr John Bruce, K.C. A paper by Mr Smith F.P.S. of Sandwich was followed by an interesting talk by Mr J. H. Coyne in the course of which notable people to Port Talbot particularly Mrs Jameson, extracts from whose graceful descriptions of the Colonel and his home were read.

Refreshments were again served on the lawn by the ladies of the Elgin Historical Society whose efforts on this and the previous day and indeed throughout the whole Centennial Celebration cannot be too highly praised.

A large number of Pioneers who had lived in the time of Colonel Talbot were by invitation present here and at the Indian Port and distinguished by yellow badges were regarded and their conversation heard with much interest.

In front of the old homestead, the Provincial Society and their hosts and Pioneers were photographed, as well as at the Earthworks.

At about 6 30 after the National Anthem was sung carriages were taken for St Thomas and the annual meeting and dining of the Provincial Society came to an end.

As throughout the St Thomas Celebration the weather during the two days of the Historic Society visit was ideal, admitting that Providence smiled upon the whole Talbot Settlement Centenary.

It remains only to be added that the financial success of the Celebration was in keeping with the general result a handsome surplus in cash being left in the hands of the general Celebration Committee in St Thomas out of which the Cairn in the Park has been replaced a permanent and enduring monument of the First Centenary of the Talbot Settlement.

# Minutes of General Committee Summarized

The above Committee met on March 6th and organized a programme and laid down the main features to the [illegible] adopted and carried out.

A public meeting held on April March the program was adopted such as to [illegible] arrangements to suit the circumstances

Mayor C. F. Maxwell was elected the Permanent Chairman of the Committee already [illegible] which was made to execute committees with power to add to their number and enlarge the work.

The various municipalities and the Talbot settlers generally were requested to appoint and take part in the demonstration as also the various Fraternal and other Societies.

At a meeting held March 23rd the following were appointed a subcommittee Committees Messrs E. A. Smith, P. Doggett, W. B. Waterbury, P. Meehan and B. F. Hennessy with power to add to their number J. Mackenzie and H. Rudolph were subsequently added.

Dr. Bartlett was elected Treasurer of the General Committee

The offer of the 24th Regiment of Chatham to attend for $200 to defray expenses was accepted.

Colonel McLachlin was authorized to secure the 7th Regiment of London if possible

It was decided to invite the Minister of Militia and Lord Dundonald for each Mayor to open the new Armoury

W. H. Marsh, W. B. Waterbury and H. Roe were appointed a Printing Committee

The Elgin Historical and Scientific Institute was given charge of proceedings for each Mayor

Messrs Doggett, F. W. Wright and S. Silcox to have in connection with Board of Education charge of second day's programme

Dr. Guest, J. Ferguson, John M. Kennedy and Sheriff Brown (to whom Judge Ermatinger was subsequently added) to have charge of the Concert Part of Saturday's programme

Dr. Bartlett, K. W. McKay and J. H. Coyne to take charge

## Centennial Celebration

of O[illegible] part of programme for Saturday May 22nd

On March 9th the subscription committee appointed a committee of the Retail Merchants Association when the latter agreed to contribute $300 by cancelling a Trades Procession to be abandoned. A rough estimate of receipts $1450 and expenditure $1500 was arrived at.

At a meeting of the General Committee held April 6th it was resolved that all funds be deposited in the Merchants Bank to the credit of the Centennial Committee and withdrawn only by cheques signed by the Treasurer and countersigned by the Chairman and that Henry Roe the permanent Secretary of the Celebration at a salary of $3 per week (Sundays excluded May 1st to 31st to May 30th

Henry Roe Secretary Centennial Committee

On April 9th members of the General Committee were requested to ask for a grant of $500 for Demonstration purposes which was granted

A proposition from the Royal Grenadiers to encamp on the night of May 19th and remain until night of 24th was accepted committee to furnish caterer and tents and hire of buildings for sleeping

At a meeting of the General Committee held on April 8th Messrs S Silcox E C Mockin and J W Stewart were appointed a committee to procure a Local Historical Society as to holding a concert in the Grand Rink and to rent the Rink for all the days of the Celebration

On April 16th Col McLaughlin R W McKay W C Hockin and S E Palmer were appointed to report a full programme for Monday May 24th

On the 20th April at a meeting of the general Committee the Secretary was requested to reply to a letter from Capt Kent of Windsor that the Committee had invited the 20 Royal Grenadiers and 24th Regiment for May 24th and why is they would be glad to have the Essex Regiment as visitors the Province would not permit their sending out further invitations

Judge Ermatinger was elected to the Pioneer Committee and his suggestion as to [illegible] was carried in the Park [illegible] ated.

The Secretary was asked to report to the City Council an official opening of the Park on Dominion Day 1st May under the name of "Centennial Park" and that permission to erect Cairn thereon and that the Council assist Mr. Reeves in its erection.

The following were appointed a Decoration Committee — W J McCance J Henning, C Sandford S Clarke Geo Magee E O Coope, N W Moore T G McIntyre [illegible] Sterling W Worth Jr. W W Lowndes Jos Renaud R H Bowler C Corbett Jas Egan C H Baldwin A M J Webb, A M C Donaldson.

The following were appointed an Illumination Committee M A Gilbert, John Farley C H Hepenstall T H Duncombe R Blackmore G A Ingram W Cornforth P G O Donnell S B Woolcock.

The Secretary was requested to ask all the members of the City to prepare original Historical sermons for 24th May

Messrs K W McKay, T M Ashersen and Col McLachlan were appointed a Committee to report on catering of soldiers

The design submitted by Mr Waterbury was adopted as the official badge or coat of arms of the Centennial Celebration and electro-types ordered

Steps were taken to have a wheelbarrow tugging and contest on Saturday 23rd May

At a meeting on April 20th the following committees were elected to carry out the Work and everything to be carried on and in connection therewith Mr F Durgett Dr Graham McLeod and Mrs D Wilson The same committee appointed to engage Artillery Bands.

Mr R M Anderson reported as to catering to Royal Grenadiers that men could be subsisted for 8 2 3c per meal.

J Farrell and A M Hutchinson were added to the Committee and given authority to arrange for the catering.

A grant of $600 was made to Pioneers Committee for attractions including Indian Band

Messrs J H Coyne W B Waterbury J W Stewart and F Hunt were appointed a committee on attractions

The Mayor was requested to procure the bells of the city to be rung for 60 minutes on 24th May

At a meeting held 30th April K W McKay Esq in the absence of Dr Silcox submitted programme for Empire Day and prices of admission to Park were fixed—all children to be free in afternoon May 23rd and charged 5c for evening and adults 10c afternoon and 25c in evening.

Invitations to all city & county schools to be present at Concert authorised—and $25 guaranteed for concert expenses.

Fifty dollars was appropriated for bands for Pioneer Day

It was decided that Pioneer procession start from St Andrew's market at 10 a.m. May 23rd the Civic Reception at City Hall receive a badge entitling them to free admission to all entertainments and that a formal welcome be tendered them on the Rink in the evening.

Fraternal Societies and citizens generally were asked to decorate the premises of departed friends on May 24th at 2 p.m.

Canton Victoria was engaged for Drill at 4 p.m. May 24th to be paid $25

Baseball and other games and races authorised for same. Total expense $45

Walter Ross and W. R. Lumsden addressed the Committee on behalf of Decoration Committee and S. Peacock on behalf of Illumination Committee and these committees were guaranteed $100 and $75 respectively—total appropriation made $250—estimated receipts—Pacific Coast Concerts $450—$250

At a meeting held May 9th R. M. Anderson Esq. in the chair a proposition was made by Col. Burke U.S. Consul, as to presentation of medals to life saving crew and arrangements made for that ceremony at Rink Friday evening. Guest Badges to be presented to crew to admit them to all entertainments etc. A proposition from W. R. Cameron for opening of new athletic grounds also received

A central Executive Committee consisting of the Mayor the Secretary Messrs Hamley Sclater, McKay, Guest and Doggett was appointed to act during recess of General Committee

Printing Committee were asked to enlist the services of Onlookers and Bohemians of the local press to assist in obtaining an Indian boat to paddle canoe

The following were added by the Central Executive to the General Committee on May 11th—M. G. Hay G. R. McColl F. Sutherland H. McPherson R. L. McCully E. A. Horton G. Geddes F. S. Lewis and E. A. Smith

The next meeting of the General Committee previous to the celebration was held on May 18th W. H. Morris Esq. in the chair. It was decided to present the visiting Rowers with Guest badges and to provide meals for crews of Patrol and Lifeboat. A large amount of other preliminary business was transacted.

On May 30th the General Committee met Mr John McKenzie in the chair

Reports from chairmen of various committees of expenses

were read to a ing $1944 93
Dr Bartlett reported rece p s 3287 97

Shewing surplus $ 661 74

It was de ded to ask Mr E T Gough to and t the accounts and print a summa y in the newspapers The following Committee was appointed to complete the Ca m in Pinafore Park —Judge Ermatinger K W McKay J A Bell J H Cowie and F Doggett

A vote of thanks was tendered the Hon the Minister of Pub c W orks for illuminating Post Office

Also to Mr and Mrs Payne and Mr and Mrs St Thomas Smith for assistance with Log Cabin, etc

Surplus Badges were turned o er to the Elgin H storical Society

Thanks to 70th Royal Grenadiers 24th and 29th Regimen ts and C I Cadets and to the Press also were voted

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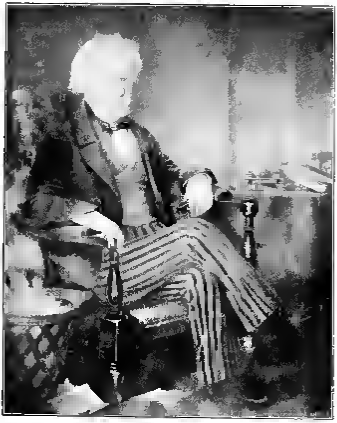
In issuing this its third publication the society feels that acknowledgements are due to the Ontario Government for the grant (an annual one it is hoped) of $100 which has enabled the society to meet the cost of this publication and to Finlay G MacDiarmid, M P P., and G A Brewer, M P P., for their assistance in obtaining such grant.



Colonel Talbot

# Introductory

On 21st May 1803 Lt Colonel Thomas Talbot commenced the settlement known ever since by his name by landing and cutting the first tree at Port Talbot

The lands subsequently settled under his superintendence embraced 29—afterwards by subdivisions enlarged to 34—townships now forming the whole of one (Elgin) and parts of four other counties

In 1827 there was inaugurated an annual Celebration on the 21st of May in each year which was continued until after the Rebellion of 1837-38 It consisted of a dinner followed by a ball and was held at or near St Thomas except upon the last one or two occasions when it was held at London

By a letter to the press of St Thomas dated 22nd May 1859 and published in the Journal and Times the following day the writer drew the attention of the public to the approaching Centennial anniversary of the founding of the settlement and proposed a suitable Celebration of the event and a permanent memorial in some form

At a meeting of the Elgin Historical and Scientific Institute held at the old Town Hall on the 5th June 1860 at was moved by Judge Bronsinger seconded by J H Coyne—that in the opinion of this meeting steps should be taken for a formal Celebration of the foundation of the Talbot Settlement in May 1903 and that it be referred to the Council to report upon the subject—carried

Committees were subsequently appointed by the Elgin Historical and Scientific Institute and the County Council of Elgin and City Council of St Thomas to act in concert primarily with regard to the erection of a permanent memorial to be erected in honour of the pioneers of the Settlement and to commemorate the Centenary of its commencement the central figure of which should be a statue of Queen Victoria The Elgin Council passed a grant of one fourth of the cost (not to exceed $4000) and the City Council of St Thomas a grant of $2000, but neither the Provincial nor Dominion Government nor the other municipalities of the settlement having

contributed the Elgin Council's grant was withdrawn and the memorial project for the time being fell to the ground

In the winter of 1903 the Council of the Elgin Historical and Scientific Institute again took up the subject of the celebration of the Centenary and a committee consisting of the president Judge Ermatinger Vice President Dr Silcox Messrs J H Coyne J W Stewart and W H Murch and Lt Colonel McLachlin of the 25th Regiment waited upon the City Council and outlined a proposal for a public celebration to commence on 21st May when a Banquet would be held by the Institute and concluding on the 25th May Victoria Day and embracing the formal opening of the new Collegiate Institute and the announced old boys' gathering and a review of Militia and Cadets Inasmuch as the Ontario Historical Society had been invited by the Institute as well as by the City Council to hold their annual summer meeting at St Thomas the Society would meet here in the first week of June and such meeting (during which a drive to the South would Earthworks and Port Talbot was to take place) would form a fitting conclusion to the celebration

The subject was referred to No 1 committee of the city council who joined the Committee of the Institute in a request that the mayor call a public meeting to discuss the question of a celebration and should the general celebration be decided on to form a Citizens Committee to carry it out

# The General Committee

The mass meeting of citizens called and presided over by the Mayor was held at the City Hall on the evening of the 9th March 1903 when Mr Henry Roe having been elected Secretary a resolution in favour of a Centennial Celebration was passed and a committee consisting of Messrs Judge Emmanger the Mayor and J W Stewart President of the Board of Trade was appointed to select a committee of citizens to draft a form of demonstration and present the same for ratification at a public meeting on March 23rd.

The general committee so selected consisted of the following gentlemen Mayor Maxwell Dr F Guest E A Smith L Ferguson W E Waterhouse R M Anderson W H Murch H C Hockin B F Hennessy O Mastermann P Meehan S Silcox F McCormack Talbot Macbeth Sherriff Brown C O Emmanger J W Stewart F Doggett Col McLachlan J H Coyne T J Courtenay Henry Roe L H Dingman F W Wright Dr Bartlett F M L Egan Peter Stewart K W McKay J H Price H Rudolph J McKenzie to whom the following were subsequently added, M G Haw G R McColl F Sutherland H McPherson R L McCully E A Hardy G Geddes F S Lewis and A S Smith

Mayor C F Maxwell

(For Summary of General Committee's Proceedings see Post)

## LORD DUNDONALD AND THE GOVERNOUR GENERAL

The Minister of Militia was obliged to decline the General Committee's invitation to visit the city and open the armouries

on 25th May owing to his having made an engagement previous ly to spend that day in Brantford

Lord Dundonald general officer commanding the Militia of Canada in the course of an Inspection tour visited the City on April 6th and inspected the Collegiate Institute Cadets and the new Armouries and being invited to return and formally open this latter on 25th May promised to do so if his other engagements would permit but subsequently notified the committee of his inability to do so

His Excellency the Governor General was invited by the Elgin Historical and Scientific Institute to attend the Jubilee on 21st May and by the Mayor to accept addresses from the city and other municipalities at the same time but had previously arranged for an earlier tour of Western Ontario His Excellency accompanied by the Countess of Minto and Lady Eileen Elliott and his Staff accordingly paid a brief visit to St Thomas on May 13th and was met at the Grand Trunk Wabash Station by the Mayor and Council the Judges and officials of the city and the railway companies Colonel Burke United States Consul and Lt Colonel McLachlan A guard of honour consisting of 100 men of the 25th Regiment with the Band of the Regiment under command of Captain Green Lieuts Atkinson and Corne was present and after inspecting the guard His Excellency and party were driven to the Collegiate Institute grounds where the Cadets under Captain Jones were inspected and complimented and the national anthem sung by the scholars thence to the Wellington Street School and Alma College at each of which patriotic exercises were rendered after which the corporation's address was read by the Mayor in the council chamber of the city hall to which reference was made to the history and approaching Centennial Celebration of the commencement of the settlement His Excellency in his reply expressing his pleasure at visiting the city and his regret at being unable to be present at the actual celebration—after which a reception was held by them excellencies who were subsequently driven to the Wabash station and departed for Chatham

## DECORATIONS AND ILLUMINATIONS

The city was tastefully decked with flags and bunting on the day of Lord Minto's visit—but not approaching in brilliancy its appearance by the 21st May when the work of the Decoration and Illumination Committees as well as of citizens in general to beautify the city was drawing to a close Both Committees

named had done their work well Never had St Thomas presented an appearance approaching in brilliancy that which it had now assumed Green foliage and the unsightly poles along either side of Talbot Street among which flags innumerable and bunting of red white and blue the prescribed colours waved and fluttered in the gentle breezes of the glorious weather which continued throughout the Celebration from first to last Residence streets vied with one another in their desire to present a gala appearance and on some the co operative plan was adopted with marked success both in uniformity and general attractiveness On these numberless ropes of red white and blue bannerets tastefully designed were strung across the street from end to end while Chinese lanterns hung throughout with electric lights here and there gave at night a fairy like appearance to the whole Pearl Mitchell and Kains streets may be mentioned among those which by the adoption of this system presented the most attractive appearance of the residence streets of the city But where decorations and illuminations were so general that no house in the city seemed to be without gay attire it seems invidious to particularize Arches suitably decorated and emblazoned were erected over Talbot street east in the neighbourhood of the Michigan Central station a Welcome for the Old Boys and a Welcome to Millersburg —by which name that part of the city was known in earlier days—being conspicuous A handsome arch illuminated at night by acetylene gas and a locomotive headlight spanned Metcalfe street in front of the Granite Rink where the evening entertainments in connection with the celebration were held Adjoining the Rink a Log Cabin brought from its former site in Southwold was re erected under the superintendence of Mr F Payne and placed in charge of the Ladies Branch Historical Society who exhibited in it a variety of pioneer utensils and other articles of histor-

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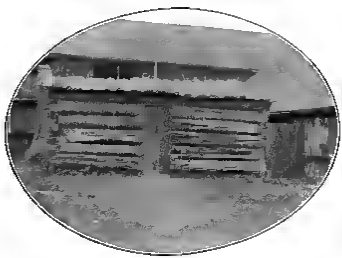
ional interest

Three immense devices formed of electric colored bulbs placed at suitable intervals as in some three dozen additional arc lights with the innumerable electric and gas illuminations and chinese lanterns displayed by banks business firms and citizens rendered Talbot Street and its decorations as brilliant by night as by day The City Hall extended an immense electric Welcome the Dominion Government had the facade of the handsome Post Office picked out with coloured Electric bulbs The church of the Holy Angels and the Separate School



The Log Cabin

were distinguished by handsome gas illuminations the cross on the church door presenting a beautiful effect The Wabash Grand Trunk and Michigan Central stations were both handsomely draped and illuminated Citizens generally responded loyally to the call of the Illumination as well as of the Decoration committee with the result that no part of the city—scarcely a house in fact—was without some display both by day and evening while so many were both tastefully and tastefully decked that the general effect was as has already been stated of unprecedented brilliancy

# Opening of the Celebration

Precisely at noon, May 21st the bells of the city pealed forth a joyous chorus while innumerable steam whistles of factories railway shops and locomotives swelled the volume of sound to a clamorous din which so far from maddening the hearers served to put everyone in great good humour—a state of mind which was general and continued throughout the succeeding days of the Celebration

This was the signal that the new century had arrived that the celebration of the Centenary had begun and that the finishing touches should be given to both decorations and illuminations These with the reception and registering of returning old boys were the chief occupations connected with the celebration during the day

## THE HISTORICAL BANQUET

The banquet given by the Elgin Historical and Scientific Institute to commemorate the one hundredth Talbot Anniversary day at the Grand Central Hotel was the chief event of the evening The following is the St Thomas Journal's report of the affair —

The banquet of the Historical Society at the Grand Central Hotel last night was an unqualified success If Colonel Talbot could have stepped into the spacious dining room while the least was in progress he might easily have imagined himself

Judge Hughes
Present Elgin Historical Society

again at the court of St James surrounded by the youth beauty and fashion of Britain The scene was certainly a brilliant one The capacity of the large hall was overtaxed to accommodate all who desired to attend

The company began to assemble shortly after eight o'clock and an informal reception took place in the parlors of the hotel lasting till a quarter to ten when the doors were thrown open and the places were taken at the tables

His Honor Judge Ermatinger was in the chair On his right were in the order named Mrs J H Wilson Sir John Carling Mrs Ermatinger Talbot Macbeth London Mrs Coyne Wm P Ellison New York Mrs Jackson Rev Canon Hill Mrs Ida Moore Morris A B Ingram M P Mrs Maxwell Dr J H Wilson ex M P Mrs St Thomas Smith N W Moore Mrs N W Moore K W McKay Mrs A B Ingram Miss Moore Mrs Herbert Spencer Jabel Robinson M P Mrs F Hunt George Demare Mrs George Demare Mrs A P Campbell W Atkins W B Waterbury Dr Sidney Silcox Bruce Davis Frank Hunt J P R J Dunmore Mrs Don Bowen Tecumseh Mich W George H McAlister Aylmer J McCausland K McLatchlin Mrs E A Smith Rev Robt Ironside Warner D D Mrs Harstone St Marys E H Caughell Henry Roe Ald Fred W Wright Mrs P Meehan Ald P Meehan Mrs S Chant S Chant ex mayor Mrs F W Wright Farley G Macdiarmid M P P Mrs Silcox J M Mc Cutcheon

To the left of the chairman in the order named were Mrs W B Ellison New York Mayor C F Maxwell Mrs Talbot Macbeth London Rev J A MacDonald Toronto Mrs W Atkin Mayor W S Caron Aylmer Mrs F J Payne Talbotville Wilhams Risdon Rev John Morrison Springfield John F Langan Chicago W R Jackson A P Patterson Mrs MacKay J Marlatt L D Marlatt W E Idsardi E Hurlen D K McKenzie John Midgley ex Mayor Miss Kathleen Gilbert J F Coyne Miss Gertrude Gilbert Alex Creelman Hamilton D H Price Aylmer James A Bell Mrs Jackson J W McKay Robert McCully ex-mayor Dr W C Vanbuskirk Ald William Trott Oscar McKenny W F Luton W Rockey James H Coyne Ed McKellar warden of the county Dr and Mrs R M Lupey D A McLarty Mrs J E Wilson S J Crocker Miss Charlotte S Wegg H C Handmarsh Miss Margaret A Coyne J G B Coyne Clara K Moore Miss C E Coyne Morley Pettit Miss Muriel Ermatinger A F Campbell Dr Guest Dr

Bennett John Campbell L H Dingman H C Hocken N H Buckner John Thompson W H Murch J W Stewart and a few others

THE TOAST LIST

There were only three toasts on the list but quite a number of addresses some of them being particularly happy

After the cloth had been removed Mr W H Murch announced that letters of regret at their inability to be present had been received from the Governor General the Lieutenant Governor Hon G W Ross Hon Mr Harcourt and many others

The chairman Judge Ermatinger in proposing the health of The King took occasion to extend a welcome to all present and referred to the early Talbot anniversaries It was not the fault of the committee that the banquet had been so long in starting He hoped the strangers present would remain during the whole celebration

W H Murch
Soc Trans Elgin Historical and Sc Inst 1903

The toast was received by the singing of the National Anthem

Kenneth Finlay sang in splendid form and voice Heroes and Gentlemen

Dr Sidney Sicox the first vice chairman proposed the second toast Canada. Fault was sometimes found with Canada that everything was so new This could not now be said of the Talbot Settlement which being 100 years old had got over being new We should all be proud of the progress and development of the country and a greater future and along better lines than in the past was in store for us What we should do is not to waste but to protect the resources of the country and not to repeat the errors made by our faithful forefathers whose good points vastly outweighed all their errors He asked the company to drink to Canada — the

country of great possibilities which was enthusiastically done

Senator Sir John Carling who was the first to respond to the toast was received with cheers He assured the company of his pleasure at being present and of the great pleasure it had given him to again visit our beautiful city He said he was delighted with St Thomas and he referred to the beautiful bills ravines roads drives well kept lawns and boulevards all of which charmed him and he said he would never forget his visit to St Thomas He was a Canadian born in Ontario his father coming to Canada eighty four years ago and undergoing the same hardships as did the other pioneers of the Talbot Settlement He was pleased to see so many ladies and gentlemen present to do honor to the old pioneers who had done so much for the Talbot Settlement He could tell what the early settlers had to put up with There were no mechanics and his father had to make him his own boots and his mother card the wool spin the yarn and make his clothes He had worn nothing on his back until after he was ten years old but that which was made by his father and mother He pictured the lack of tools and machinery to conduct farming operations in the early days and the advancement made up to the present time Sir John here paid some little attention to Andrew Carnegie He said that it had been said by a very foolish old man who was trying to make himself popular by scattering around his dollars that there was no future for Canada except in belonging to the United States Carnegie was very much mistaken Senator Carling here reviewed the events leading up to the confederation of the provinces and said that we had great men in those days who sacrificed their own private views to bring about a united Canada He paid a high tribute to Sir John A Macdonald Hon George Brown and Hon D Arcy McGee and made the statement that at one time Sir John and Hon George Brown were not on speaking terms but buried the hatchet to bring about confederation The people of Great Britain were now looking to Canada as a source for their food supply and Canada could supply them for all time to come Canada had a great future He referred to what had been accomplished in the

D S Silcox
Vice-President Elgin Historical and Sc Inst 1903

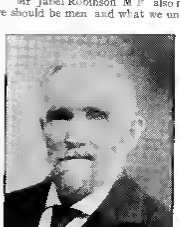
way of railroad building during the past fifty years until now we can travel from ocean to ocean in one hundred hours when in the past it took months and months to make the trip. Everything has been and is being done to open up and develop our great country from one end to the other. He referred to the vast stretches of land in the Northwest and New Ontario being opened up and said at the present rate of railway building we would soon take a run out there to spend our holidays. These portions of Canada would furnish homes for millions of people yet unborn. No country he said, had a more liberal system of education than Canada has and he praised the late Dr. Ryerson for what he had done for education. With the character of our people our natural advantages and resources, no country can surpass or even come up to Canada as a country. What a man's religion is all we want to know is that he is a good subject of Canada and we are all joined together to work for the advancement of Canada which is destined to be one of the greatest countries in the world. He read statistics showing the great increase in railroad mileage and earnings, said that we ought to manufacture all we required in Canada and send a surplus to other countries and concluded by paying a tribute to Canada's soldier boys who served in the Boer war.

Hon. Sir John Carling

Rev. J. A. Macdonald, editor of the Globe, made a brief and able speech in reply to the toast. He said we should believe in Canada's resources, believe in her wealth of mines, seas, woods and lands. We could believe in her great resources and yet not one half of a tenth part is known. But not all these could make Canada truly great, not from material wealth but from the manhood and womanhood properly trained will spring true greatness. We may be great because of our resources and enterprises but behind all this there must be a solid manhood, independence and truth. He referred to the prosperity during the past century and said that if we all united in putting forth our best efforts and tak

ing advantage of every opportunity that offers the progress of the past century would be as noth ng to that of the coming cen tury For Canada s sake he asked that in the new century all Canadians believe in her intelligence integrity and high ideals believe that manhood is greater than everything else and the only thing that will make a country truly great

Mr Jabel Robinson M P also replied to the toast He said we should be men and what we undertake to do do it with all our might He had first come to the village of St Thomas forty seven years ago when Judge Ermatin ger s father was Mayor He spoke of his pride n being one who helped to build up St Thomas He had much to say but no time to say it and asked those present to come down to the House of Commons and listen to h m some time when he had the floor



Jabez Robinson M P

Mr Henry Roe recited Canadian Volunteers

Mr J H Coyne sec nd vice chairman pro posed the last toast of the evening The Talbot Settlement and referred to the fact that the dis trict one hundred years ago a virgin forest had been transformed into fer tile lands peopled by a happy and prosperous people He mentioned a number of persons who had been born in the Talbot Settlement who had attained eminence in various walks of life

Mayor Maxwell in responding to the toast said that the ben quet was a fitting open ng to the Centennial Celebration As Mayor of the city he welcomed all the visitors present and hoped that the demonstration would in every way be a pleasure to them The past century had been the most progressive in the world s history There was no doubt in regard to the future of Canada With its resources and its manhood it was bound to go ahead The twentieth century was Canada s century St Thomas led in many ways We were pioneers in municipal ownership of

waterworks in the making of good roads and in the municipal operation of our own electric street railway St Thomas he said educated the good roads man who was now educating the other municipalities how to construct good roads

Talbot McBeth K C of London expressed in the opening of his response the thanks of Mrs McBeth and himself at being invited to be present and the pleasure it had given them He was the owner of the Talbot farm on which the first tree was cut one hundred years ago It was the finest spot in the finest section of the garden of Canada Mr McBeth threw out the suggestion that the anniversary of the Talbot Settlement should be celebrated at least every ten years and he hoped to be present on his 150th birthday to celebrate the 175th anniversary of the Talbot Settlement

Mr Kenneth Finlay sang The Maple Leaf

Warden McKellar of Elgin expressed his pleasure at being present and at seeing the city so handsomely decorated but the hour being so late asked to be excused from making a speech

J H Coyne LL D F R S C
1st President of Elgin Historical and Sc Inst. 1850

Mr W B Ellison of New York a St Thomas boy who has for 23 years lived under the starry banner had not forgotten the old Talbot Settlement and was a regular yearly visitor to St Thomas There were no people who felt more kindly towards Canada than the people of the State of New York They believed that Canada was the brightest star of the British Empire The American people believed that if through age the control of the Empire passed from the Mother Country it would be taken up by her daughter Canada who would bear the white man's burden In concluding he expressed the hope that the United States

and Canada would go on hand in hand together peacefully working for the welfare of the world

Mayor Caron of Aylmer also made a happy reply in response to the toast disputing Mayor Maxwell's statement that St Thomas was the first to lead in municipal ownership He claimed that honor for Aylmer

A B Ingram M P and F G Macdiarmid M P P briefly and appropriately responded the latter as a native of Aldboro as was his father before him Auld Lang Syne was sung about two a m

F G MacDiarmid, M P P

During the reception and dinner the Misses Risdon rendered a choice programme of instrumental music which was thoroughly enjoyed and added materially to the pleasure of the occasion

Among those present were a newly wedded couple from Springfield who were in the city during the entire celebration by way of a bridal tour a happy idea that would have delighted the old man whose memory was honored The singing of Kenneth Finlay was greatly enjoyed He was in fine voice and rendered The Maple Leaf in splendid style Henry Roe's recitation also was appropriate and well given

To quote again the writer whose words were given at the outset

The speeches as a whole were excellent The fine presence of Sir John Carling graced the table the quaint humor of Jabel Robinson M P was appreciated Mr J H Coyne's address was apt and illuminating the earnestness of Rev J A Macdonald was contagious W F Ellison of New York was inspiring Mayor Maxwell was patriotic Mayor Caron of Aylmer was historical while the M P's and later speakers were commendably brief the genial chairman beaming over all in a benign manner

# Empire or Educational Day

FRIDAY MAY 22nd

To day was Educational or Empire Day marked in the morning by the raising of the national flag with fitting patriotic exercises at two of the public schools and the separate school the formal opening by Hon Richard Harcourt Minister of Education of the splendid new Collegiate Institute building one of the finest in the Province patriotic concerts by the school children afternoon and evening In the afternoon Mr Harcourt delivered an interesting and inspiring address upon practical phases of the educational question A feature of the evening concert was the presentation of medals to the Port Stanley life saving crew for the rescue of six sailors from the American schooner Mineral State

## THE FLAG RAISINGS

The flag-raisings were interesting ceremonies attended by the Board of Education Separate School Board local clergymen of all denominations the school children and a great company of parents and citizens The band of the 27th Regiment furnished music The first raising was at the separate school whence the company proceeded to the Balaclava Street School and later to the Wellington Street School The two latter rank easily amongst the handsomest public schools of the province Each is surrounded by spacious well kept lawns and rows of beautiful maples At each school addresses were delivered by members of the Board of Education Major Maxwell and the local clergy Protestant and Catholic and patriotic choruses were given splendid renderings by the children The Collegiate Institute opening ceremony in the afternoon was prefaced by an exhibition drill by the cadet corps They are a splendid looking company of 60 boys in a handsome uniform of blue and silver commanded by Capt M H Baker Lieut Gordon Macpherson Lieut F Marlatt Their manoeuvres reflected great credit upon the instructor Capt Jones The school and grounds were tastefully decorated and the proceedings took place on the lawn in front of the school Chairman Doggett of the Board of Education presided

MR. HARCOURT'S SPEECH

Hon Mr Harcourt said it was impossible for him to speak at any length out of doors and that fact necessitated curtailment of the address he had prepared to an indication of its salient features He extended his warmest thanks to the committee for remembering him and extending him an invitation to be present on so important an occasion The celebration of the inauguration of settlement in the district he said could not have been better rounded out than by a red letter day for the schools of St Thomas for the city could not prosper unless its schools and churches prospered His visit occasioned him pleasant recollections of two former Principals of the school Rev Dr Somerville of Owen Sound who had become a prominent man in his church and a useful citizen and of Mr John Millar Deputy Minister of Education than whom no Minister ever had a more loyal or more capable executive officer Mr Harcourt referred to the magnificent school buildings of the city which he said were a credit not only to St Thomas but to the whole of Western Ontario The new collegiate institute was a model of its class It ranked among the first half dozen collegiates in the Province He had been greatly pleased to see the cadet corps 60 strong and hoped that every one of them would some day become Captains in the King's Imperial Against the great scientist had said his ideal was a man with the soul of a sage and the body of an athlete Mr Harcourt told the parents that they could assist the teachers by giving the boys and girls well-selected books to read He did not suggest that a boy should read many books but every boy and girl should have a few good books within reach He was hoping for the time when in every school in the Province there would be a library of well-selected books Example was the greatest educational force known and in Principal Quance the boys and girls of this city had before them a brilliant example of the success in obtaining an education in the face of great difficulties Mr Harcourt complimented the collegiate institute upon the success attained in its commercial course and commented upon the tendency of secondary education towards practical ends

Other speakers were Mr D K Mackenzie Mayor Maxwell Rev Father Stanley Mr James H Coyne and Rev Canon Hill A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Minister of Education

**The Children's Concerts,** afternoon and evening were largely attended and highly interesting programmes of patriotic songs choruses and dances were very effectively rendered They

were planned by Principal and Inspector Dr Silcox the choruses were under the direction of Prof J H Jones and the dances under the direction of Miss Moore Mrs Butler and Principal Urie

## PRESENTATION OF MEDALS

The medals presented in the evening to the crew of the Fort Stanley lifeboat were of gold and were the gift of the President of the United States The inscription stated that they were presented for heroism in saving the captain and crew of the American schooner Mineral State wrecked on Lake Erie October 30 1902 The crew were Captain J Reginald Moore Wm Hugh Thomas Hough Fred Pollock Frank Eveland Alonzo Taylor and Henry Cherry Captain Moore and Captain Alex Brown of the tug Gordon Brown which on the occasion in question gave substantial assistance in manning the life boat were each presented with a handsome gold watch and chain bearing an inscription similar to that on the medals The presentation was made by the United States Consul Col Burke and Mrs Dr Wilson pinned on the medals Rev J H Courtney replied for the crew and commented strongly on the smallness of the pay they received $21 a year each and upon the rotten condition of the lifeboat which is twenty years old

## SEPARATE SCHOOL

The band assembled at the City Hall and played The Maple Leaf Mr James Egan secretary of the Separate School Board gave an appropriate address referring to the flag that was to be raised and said he hoped the flag would long wave over us.

Mayor Maxwell spoke in complimentary terms of the work of the school and said his sympathy was strongly with them to day He was sure all were pleased to be taking part in the celebration of the centennial of the settlement He impressed upon the children the progress and advancement He urged enthusiasm for school empire and everything that was noble and good He was pleased to think that the flag was likely to wave over a beautiful new school It was a palace to what they had fifty years ago and they should be proud of it But this was an age of progress and we must keep up with the age

D J Donahue K C addressed the children in his usual happy vein He was pleased to see the zeal and ambition of the Separate School Board in the hoisting of the national flag It was their anxiety to be ahead of the others that caused them to get a pole not exactly straight We were all able to unite and agree on our flag Why should it not be so? Had not the blood of Scotch English and Irish been shed to sustain that flag? We were one in every respect in raising this flag and pay

rug respect to it The speaker said one of the greatest reasons for respecting it was because it guaranteed to us the greatest liberty of speech and freedom of conscience He trusted it would be ever respected and venerated by posterity

Fred Doggett chairman of the Board of Education expressed his pleasure at being present This was a gathering in which all could take part and meet on a common ground The flag they were about to raise today was the flag that the peace and protection of the whole world largely depended upon As chairman of the Board of Education he invited all to follow them to the subsequent flag raisings and the dedication of the Collegiate Institute

Col Burke U S Consul addressed the large gathering saying that after the Stars and Stripes the first flag in the world he would take off his hat to was the British flag It was the symbol of defence of the defenceless and maintained equal justice to all Every boy and girl should venerate the flag If the flag of their country was insulted their first duty was to protect the honor of the flag This should be a day of inspiration to the pupils of the Separate school If they honored their flag they would be a creed it not only to their community but to their country Canada was destined to be one of the greatest nations on the face of the globe The speaker did not think Canada would ever be annexed to the United States The two nations should stand as sisters side by side and form a powerful combination between the Stars and Stripes and the Union Jack

Rev Father Stanley was warmly received He considered it an honor to give the signal for having the first flag raised over a school in St Thomas He trusted the children would long remember the occasion He urged parents not to underestimate what the schools were doing for the education and welfare of their little ones He asked the band to play The Star Spangled Banner in honor of the United States and Col Burke to be followed by the raising of the flag by four Separate school pupils amidst cheers and the singing of God Save the King

Roy Power Edward Graney Joseph Burns and Frank O Brien were the boys chosen to raise the flag

BALACLAVA STREET SCHOOL

The fine building in the east end was handsomely decorated with streamers strung from the central pinnacle of the school to the trees lining the sidewalks An ample platform nicely draped with flags and bunting and laden with vases of lilacs and pots of ferns made a comfortable and pretty vantage point from which the speakers addressed the large crowd of spectators and school

children. The window sills of the whole front of the school were laden with flowers and foliage presenting a most attractive appearance.

Principal Kerr of the school, Principal McCutcheon of Myrtle street school, Rev. Mr. Graham, Rev. Mr. Reede, Father Stanley, Lt.-Col. McLachlan, Fred. Doggett, chairman of the Board of Education, Mayor Maxwell, Ex-Mayor Chant, and a number of others occupied chairs on the platform.

Proceedings were opened by a chorus, "The Maple Leaf," by the girls of Balaclava street school, massed in front of the platform, and they sang very sweetly and creditably in perfect unison.

Rev. Mr. Graham then led in a brief prayer.

Chairman Doggett congratulated the teachers and children of the school upon the handsome decorations. He urged the scholars to strive to attain the maximum marks in the coming examinations.

An essay entitled "The story of the flag" was read in a clear and correct manner by Master Andrew Taylor.

This was followed by a chorus by the pupils, "The Union Jack of Old England," led by little Miss Pauline Hall, and Master Sidney Gilbert.

Mayor Maxwell addressed the children, and the large gathering in a speech eulogistic of the flag, and the deeds of valor achieved beneath its folds in the past. He referred to the late Queen Victoria and the present beloved sovereign. The mayor praised the decorations, and the evidences of patriotism on all sides.

Miss Ethel Selsor followed with a recitation, "The Union Jack," which was delivered in excellent style.

Rev. Father Stanley spoke to the assemblage briefly, but in a most interesting strain. His words were full of burning patriotism, and full of warm approval of the unity and harmony which exists among all classes of the city. His remarks were warmly received.

A chorus, "Red, White and Blue," followed in good style.

As the band played the National Anthem, the flag was raised by Miss Pauline Hall and Master Sidney Gilbert. As the banner fluttered to the masthead, the boys of the school marched past, saluted the flag, and performed manoeuvres under Capt. Atkinson to the music of the 25th band.

## WELLINGTON STREET SCHOOL.

At Wellington street school the children were all waiting, seated in rows on the lawn opposite the platform which had been erected, and which was prettily draped with bunting and adorned

with evergreens On the arrival of the speakers the band the children and many from the large gathering at Balaclava street school Mayor Maxwell chairman Fred Doggett and Rev Father Stanley took seats on the platform

The school was handsomely decorated and the ample grounds were well crowded with spectators Among those on the platform were Rev Canon Hill Rev D R Drummond and Rev Dr Young Mr Doggett addressed the children and after a few patriotic remarks announced to the children that they were to have a holiday on Monday which remark was more heartily appreciated (by the children) than any other The speaker's com

Wellington Street School

plimentary references to the handsome school were also warmly applauded

Under the leadership of Principal Urie the scholars sang in chorus The Union Jack of Old England" with a great deal of vim

Mayor Maxwell took for his subject on which to address the children Our city The speaker proceeded in a glowing eulogy of the city and described to the children the conditions out of which a city has arisen in the past century He impressed upon the scholars the value of education and referred to the fact

that his early education had been received in the Wellington street school, and that he had also taught in the same school.

The singing of the "The Maple Leaf Forever," led by the band, was well rendered by the children at the conclusion of the mayor's remarks

Rev D R Drummond addressed the children on "Our Dominion." He began by relating a story which illustrated the task he had before him to speak on such a subject in a space of five minutes He urged upon the youth of our land to keep in view the wonderful possibilities of Canada He impressed upon them the fact that life is but what we make it ourselves no matter of what it is made, and the Dominion would be what we made it

"The Land of the Maple" was sung in chorus by the pupils.

Rev Dr Young's subject was Our Empire, and he brought vividly before his youthful audience the wonderful forces which move the life of this twentieth century He referred to the growth of the Empire under Queen Victoria's reign. Five Continents contributed to the resources of the British Empire Great territory and resources did not constitute an Empire It was the flag and that which the flag represented Wherever there was a loyal submission to the British flag there was the British Empire

Rev Canon Hill spoke on "Our Flag It was the Union Jack of England, Ireland and Scotland and all Britain's colonial possessions The speaker described in a clear way the reason why the British flag is formed in the design which is so familiar to British subjects the world over It speaks of the three great nations now united in one great empire—the grandest the world has ever seen His address was fervently patriotic throughout and illustrated how the British flag had fostered and protected the Christian religion

Rev Father Stanley addressed the children and said that he would be brief as no doubt all would be hungry He congratulated the staff of Wellington street school for their decoration and he warmly commended the Board of Education for the interest it takes in the education of the youth

With but simple ceremony the raising of the beautiful flag was accomplished and as it reached the mast head the breeze caught its folds and it waved in royal style

## THE COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE

Probably no one in the city deserves greater praise for the unsolicited and artistic beauty of decoration work done than Capt Jones of the Collegiate Institute The handsome new building was beautifully adorned inside and out

## *The Talbot Settlement*

The formal opening of the new Collegiate Institute by the Hon Richard Harcourt Minister of Education for the Province of Ontario on the afternoon of May 22nd was one of the most auspicious events of the Centennial Celebration and one long to be remembered by the parents students and teachers of the city All of these were out in strong force and the handsomely decorated building and well kept grounds presented a pretty appearance by the presence of so many of the city's youth beauty and brains besides hundreds of persons who were in the city for Centennial

On the lawn to the west of the new structure the cadet corps under the command of Instructor Jones and Capt Mason Baker were put through the various military movements The 25th Regiment Band was present and furnished excellent music

C.A. Brower M.P.P.

In front of the building was erected a platform covered with an awning of red white and blue and on this were seated besides Fred Doggett chairman of the Board of Education who acted as chairman the following —Rev Father Stanley Frank Bennett J E Fraser A W Graham K T Hankinson W Meek His Honor Judge Hughes D K McKenzie S Silcox F W Wright S Dubber Mayor C F Maxwell J H Coyne J A Kilpatrick Rev Canon Hill and others.

The chairman in a few well-chosen remarks concerning the new school called on S B Pocock who read letters expressing their regret at being unable to be present from J Millar Deputy Minister of Education E H Millington M C K superintendent of telegraphs Detroit Mr Seath inspector of High Schools W Packenham principal School of Science Toronto N W Ford Toronto R W Johnson Boston Thos Leitch Hamilton J E Hodgson High School inspector Toronto and C A Brower M P P East Elgin

S Silcox Esq D principal of public schools was the first speaker He congratulated the city on the finness of the building and added that he was pleased to know the equipment and staff would be of the same quality High School work was improving This improvement started in the University was now

going on in the High Schools and would soon extend to the public schools It was just as important in the latter as in the High Schools

D K McKenzie followed in a speech which dealt principally with the development of higher education in St Thomas the chief town of the Talbot Settlement In 1824 said Mr McKenzie the late Col Burwell presented the then village with a strip of land where Judge Ermatinger's residence is now located and on this was erected a frame building which was called the Seminary and was used for many years as a public school and afterwards as a Grammar School A Mr Randell was the first teacher and was succeeded by Rev Mr McIntosh The Classical School, the predecessor of our Collegiate Institute was opened about 1847 by John Walker who died here a few years ago and two or three years afterwards he was succeeded by a Mr Thompson In 1854 this school was recognized as the County Grammar School and the Rev John Fraser took charge He was followed by Rev N Burns Mr Youngthusband Mr Keefer and Rev John McClure who retired in 1870 In 1865 the Public and High School boards were united and the old frame High School building removed to the west side of the Wellington street school which then consisted of only four rooms In 1870 J Somerville M A now D1 Somerville of Owen Sound was appointed High School teacher and Public School principal He was followed by Rev G Grant B A now P S I of Parry Sound In 1872 John Millar B A now Deputy Minister of Education was appointed to the dual position which he held until elevated to his present office During Mr Millar's regime the old Collegiate Institute had been erected and the school raised to the status of a Collegiate Institute On Mr Millar's departure the offices were separated and the late Mr Shepherd appointed Upon his death the present efficient principal N Quance B A was appointed Under his management the school had so grown that increased accommodation was necessary and the result is the handsome and commodious building just opened

Mr McKenzie then dealt with the growth of the school since 1869 In that year the registered attendance was 138 and the average 99 while last year's fall term the registered had been 349 and the average 315 At present there were on the roll 320 One teacher did the work in 1869 and now ten teachers and a drill master are employed Seven of the teachers are specialists in their departments The expenditure had grown from $892 in 1869 to $11 500 last year

The various positions of honor held in Canada United States Europe Australia and Africa by ex students of the Col

legiate was taken up and Mr McKenzie said St Thomas had no need to be ashamed of the alumni of the Collegiate Institute Such results could not have been attained said the speaker unless the city possessed good public schools a department that the board had always paid particular attention to When Mr McKenzie became a member of the board in 1869 there was only one four roomed public school and the total running expenses that year were $2 420 today there were five school buildings with 42 teachers and the cost to run them amounted to $29 500 The total number of teachers and other officials on the pay roll of the board for both Collegiate Institute and public schools is 59 The total value of the school buildings and grounds controlled by the Board of Education is about $150 000 In conclusion Mr McKenzie congratulated St Thomas on having the handsomest and best equipped schools of any city of its size in the province and trusted that their sons and daughters will in the future as in the past go out to do their parts as Empire builders in this great Dominion

During the progress of Mr McKenzie's address Hon Mr Harcourt arrived and was received with cheers

Mayor Maxwell's speech was brief and to the point He expressed his pleasure at being present, and contrasted the schools of the past and the present times Although he could not despise the work of our early schools still the history of the development of the school was the history of the development of the people The mayor also referred to the laudatory terms used by Lord Dundonald and Lord and Lady Minto towards the cadet corps and he urged the young boys to join the ranks at the first opportunity

Rev Father Stanley in a well worded address expressed his pleasure at being present and said a few words in praise of the new school He said he conveyed an expression of the hearty sympathy and co operation of the Separate School board to the Board of Education in their efforts to embellish the minds of the youth of the country He also congratulated the school board on their magnificent public school buildings

The chairman then introduced the Hon Mr Harcourt who was received with cheers (His speech has been already summarized)

In his closing remarks Mr Harcourt referred to the magnificently decorated streets and he rejoiced with the citizens in their progress during the past which he felt assured would continue in the future if educational matters were properly looked after

Rev Canon Hill an old schoolmate of Mr Harcourt moved a vote of thanks to him This was seconded by J H Coyne who graduated from Varsity with Mr Harcourt

The minister thanked his hearers for their kindness and then formally announced the new building open

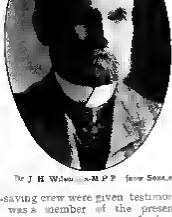
The band played the National Anthem and the crowd dispersed

## PRESENTATION OF MEDALS

The presentation of testimonials at the Granite Rink in the evening to the Port Stanley life savers who rescued the crew of the wrecked schooner **Mineral State**, on Oct 30th last was a pleasing feature of the Empire Day festivities in connection with the Centennial

**Dr J H Wilson** ex M P explained to the immense crowd present the reasons why the President of the United States had taken action to reward the services of the men

He was followed by Col M Burke U S Consul who said the occasion was the second during his incumbency of office here that testimonials had been presented to the Port Stanley life-saving crew The first occasion was for saving the crew of the schooner Greton which foundered off Port Stanley on Nov 11 1897 and the crew after being at the mercy of Lake Erie for eight hours were rescued President McKinley had been apprised of the facts by Col Burke and the members of the life-saving crew were given testimonials One of the old crew was a member of the present crew and would therefore possess two testimonials from



The J H Wilson ex-M P P [now Senator]

the United States Government On Oct 3rd 1902 the schooner Mineral State laden with 620 tons of coal from Cleveland for London was wrecked off Port Stanley and the crew owing to the treacherous condition of the water were unable to reach land When about to sink the captain cut her anchor and let her drift but she went to the bottom about 100 rods from the shore The crew took to the rigging where they remained from 10 30 a m until 6 30 p m at which time the life boat manned by the life-saving crew and in tow of the tug Gordon Brown managed to reach the almost exhausted crew and after an hour s struggle the sailors were brought safely to shore

Col Burke paid a glowing tribute to the valor and bravery of Canadians as displayed by the life saving as well as by the Canadian heroes who fought in South Africa The Colonel announced that the testimonials would be presented by a daughter of Port Stanley Mrs (Dr J H Wilson

Mrs Wilson then presented Capt Alex Brown of the Gordon Brown and Coxswain J Reginald Moore of the life-saving crew with gold watches and chains and Wilham Hough Frank Eveland Alonzo Taylor Fred Pollock Thos Hough and Henry Cherry with medals

Mrs Wilson was the recipient of a handsome bouquet at the hands of the life savers after an interval The bouquet had been ordered early and was delivered but became lost in the crowd for a time to the great chagrin of the men Finally it was found and presented amid loud cheering

The men were then congratulated by those on the platform Speeches befitting the occasion were then delivered by Dr Wilson Rev J H Courteney Port Stanley and Mayor Maxwell

William Hough replied for the members of the crew expressing their gratitude to the U S Government for their testimonials

The inscription on the watch presented to Capt Brown is as follows "From the President of the United States to Capt Alex Brown of the tug Gordon Brown Port Stanley Ontario in recognition of his humane service in effecting the rescue of the captain and crew of the United States schooner Mineral State wrecked off Port Stanley on October 3rd 1902

On the face of the watch is the American coat of arms

The inscription on the watch presented to Mr Moore is the same with the name changed

The badges received by Frank Eveland Alonzo Taylor Fred Pollock Thomas Hough Wm Hough and Henry Cherry bear the head of the Goddess of Liberty on the face and on the back the following inscription is engraved — Presented by the President of the United States in recognition of humane service

in effecting the rescue of the captain and crew of the United States schooner Mineral State wrecked off Port Stanley on Oct. 30 1902

The badges are suspended from a pendant bearing the words E Pluribus Unum

Both medals and watches are of 14 karat solid gold

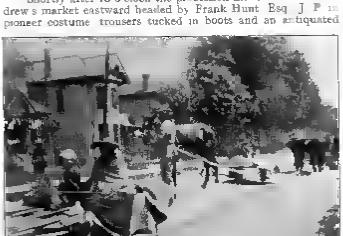
Present Possessors, Frank Mott, Esq. & all Bonds Talbot Road

# Pioneer Day

SATURDAY MAY 23rd

The Pioneer Procession of Saturday 23rd May was one of the chief features of the Celebration It was designed as far as possible to link the past with the present in a living chain

The weather was perfect and the crowd in the city enormous Shortly after 10 o clock the procession moved from St Andrew s market eastward headed by Frank Hunt Esq J P in pioneer costume trousers tucked in boots and an antiquated



Pioneer Procession Indian Women one Katie Cornelius, 104 years old on right

fowling piece slung over his shoulder riding a nagyclept Princess Malahide Mr Hunt had done yeoman service in organizing this parade as well as at the raising of the Log Cabin on Metcalf Street and was fully entitled to the distinction of leading the procession Behind him marched the Oneida Indian Brass

Photo] [Provincial Dairy Station

Pioneer Procession Cal Talbot (N W Mounted) and staff

Band Then came a detachment of the earliest pioneers—Indians from the Thames river reserve in all the panoply of war paint and feathers Two primitive indian sleds drawn by indian ponies each bore an aged indian woman—one of whom Katie Cornelius was 104 years old and strong enough to have cut all her last winter's firewood A boy papoose bestrode one of the ponies Two ox teams followed next in historical order one driving a truck wagon the other an ox cart both driven by white men This formed the first section of the parade which went some 15 minutes in advance of the next to allow for the slow progress of the oxen

The next section was headed by Mr N W Moore appropriately costumed to represent Colonel Talbot in blue high collared swallow tail with brass buttons flowered and gilt thread

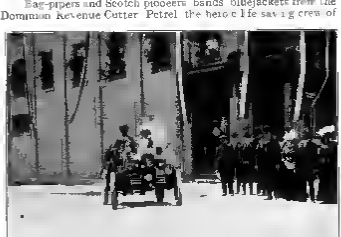
Pioneer Procession Floral Section Bridal Carriage

ed waistcoat white hat nankeen breeches booted and spurred and astride a handsome chestnut horse In his party rode as aides Captain Fisher of Glanworth in cavalry uniform and Quarter Master Caughell while Miss Fitzgibbon in long riding habit rode her favorite mare and Capts R Atkinson in old fashioned costume with Miss Cochane on a pillion behind represented homely a couple travelling in the manner of the early days Other horsemen and carriages of antiquated styles followed and seated in the latter were among others Daniel Drake the oldest inhabitant of St Thomas born here aged 84 Mr Collins Handy

Highgate 92 earliest ma l carrier between St Thomas and Mal den John Brown of Port Talbot who came out fr m England with Colonel Talbot on one of his trips and was employed by him Thomas Calcott of St Thomas aged 85 and George Kerr of St Thomas aged 86

It would be impossible to specify within reasonable space all the interesting features and contrasts of the four sections into which the procession was divided

Bag-pipers and Scotch pioneers bands bluejackets from the Dominion Revenue Cutter Petrel the heroic life saving crew of



Pioneer Procession—Close of the Century

Port Stanley city and railway fire brigades with early and mod ern appliances floral bedecked carriages and many other ob jects of interest some humorous some beautiful in appearance followed in the long parade

A beautiful flower decked white carriage drawn by four milk white steeds containing a youthful couple (Miss Alma Worth and Master R Lionel Dunsmore) presented an interesting bridal spectacle followed by a carriage full of small bridesmaids and pages—while an ancient courting gig presented the requisite historical contrast

Bicyclists many with decorated wheels and headed by a

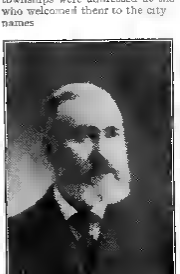
number of the ministers of the city followed by a succession of fin de siecle automobiles brought to conclusion the "Progress of the Century —the most extraordinary historical parade which the Talbot Settlement has ever witnessed or probably shall until the next Centenary

Dr F Guest on a handsome mount acted as Chief Marshal of the procession

# Cairn Erected and Park Opened

REPRESENTATIVES OF TOWNSHIPS IN TALBOT SETTLEMENT PLACE STONES IN POSITION

The afternoon festivities in connection with the Pioneer Day celebrations of the Centennial were divided between several attractions At Pinafore Park a large crowd assembled to witness the erection of a cairn representing the Talbot Settlement Prior to leaving for the Park the representatives of the different townships were addressed at the City Hall by Mayor Maxwell who welcomed them to the city The following registered their names



Edward McKellar
Warden of Elgin

Edward McKellar warden Elgin County E H Suffell reeve Vienna C F Locke councillor Yarmouth J R Gow councillor Dunwich W Tolmie reeve Aldborough W J Lindsay reeve Malahide J W Matthews Malahide C O Ermatinger St Thomas J S Wooley reeve South Dorchester Geo H Shepherd Yarmouth William Grant Bayham Geo A Gilbert Yarmouth A F McDougald clerk Ekfrid Frank Hunt ex reeve Southwold M W Fisher Glanworth James H Coyne St Thomas W C Caughell clerk Yarmouth Isaac Turrill Yarmouth C A Chase reeve Yarmouth A A McKillop ex Warden of Dunwich H G Mills collector Yarmouth Charles M Caughell Colchester North M Campbell clerk Southwold H Watson clerk Orford

Arriving at the park and before proceeding with the erection of the rockery Mayor Maxwell in a neat speech formally named the park Pinafore and declared it open.

The 29th Regiment band then rendered Rule Britannia and The Maple Leaf.

Alex Guest chairman of the Pioneer Committee then called on the representatives of the townships and the stones were

Judge Ermatinger and Dr. Bartlett Treasurer placing Records and Coins in Cairn Contractor G. A. Pouliard in foreground

placed in position on the raised mound in the order that the townships had been settled as follows Dunwich Southwold Yarmouth Malahide Aldborough Bayham Dorchester Westminster Orford Howard Harwich Raleigh Tilbury Romney Colchester Mersea Gosfield Rochester Sandwich Mandstone London Houghton Middleton Lobo Caradoc Ekfrid Mosa and Zone.

Surmounting all these stones was a large one bearing the inscription Erected at the Centenial celebration of the Talbot Settlement 1903 This was placed in position by Mayor Maxwell Warden McKellar Judge Ermatinger and Jas H Coyne

Chairman Guest then called on the following for addresses J H Coyne first president Elgin Historical Society J R Gow

reeve of Dunwich W Pranglin, reeve of Southwold; Frank Hunt C A Chase reeve of Yarmouth W J Lindsay reeve of Malahide Capt Fisher, of Aldborough Reeve Webster, of Orford His Honor Judge Ermatinger, Finlay G Macdiarmid, M.P.P. West Elgin and Ald Currie.

The band then played "God Save the King."

The cairn or monument has since been made permanent and enduring the stones, with other boulders being embedded in a solid mound of concrete with a foundation three feet deep. Within has been enclosed a metal-lined box containing copies of the official Programme of the Celebration, newspapers containing accounts of the Celebration, Canadian coins, etc.

This small monument will be an object of increasing interest to each succeeding generation who shall "ask their fathers in time to come, saying 'What mean ye by these stones?'" (Josh. 4-6) —and the answer will be that they are a memorial of the passing out of the first century of the Talbot Settlement whose township's the stones typify.

## MATCH AT THE OPENING OF THE NEW ATHLETIC GROUNDS

At four o'clock Saturday afternoon Mayor Maxwell pronounced the new athletic grounds at the foot of East street open to the public and then the lacrosse teams of St. Thomas and London faced each other in a battle for supremacy. The contest proved to be a very one sided affair as the score—12 to 0—would indicate. The St. Thomas boys lost because their combination work would not score goals for them and they could not prevent the wearers of the gold and purple from tallying.

Umpire—A. J. Young, Sarnia.

About 1,500 people witnessed the game.

## OCTOGENARIAN LADIES' TEA

A very interesting, though somewhat pathetic, sight was the tea given in the Granite Curling rink on Saturday afternoon. Thirty five old ladies accepted the invitation of the ladies of the Elgin Historical Society and seemingly enjoyed the splendid repast that had been prepared for them. Some were so feeble as to be hardly able to walk; some walked with the aid of crutches and some were taken to the rink in invalid chairs. They wore the old-fashioned hats, bonnets, shawls and gowns. One lady wore a shawl bought ten years before Queen Victoria was born. Mrs. Leach wore a dress that she purchased in store at the bottom of Blackwood's hill sixty years ago. Among those present were Mrs. McPherson (nee Catharine McGugan) born in New

Glasgow Aldborough now living in Wardsville 82 next September

Mrs Wm Coyne (nee Christina Patterson) born near Eagle in 1822 18th of May 81 years of age now living in St Thomas

Mrs Samuel Burwell (nee Eliza Crandall) born and still lives in Fingal 72 years of age one of the earliest settlers of this county

Mrs Wm Martin (nee Nancy R Duuesmbe) born in Middleburg Schoharie County N Y April 10th 1819 84 years of age

Mrs Amariah Sutton (nee Jane Sharon) born on the Back Street Elgin county 18th May age 83

Mrs Wm Otis Lynch (nee Jane Rogers) born in Longford Ireland now lives in Yarmouth 3 miles from St Thomas age 84 This lady was a distinguished guest at the tea owing to the fact that she wore a dress and yellow silk shawl which were bought by her mother before Queen Victoria was born

Mrs John Mason (nee Isabella Wade) born in Putney 4 miles from London Eng now living in Port Stanley age 83

Mrs Philip Green (nee Mary Sells) born on the Back Street Elgin County age 82

Mrs Henry Wilcox (nee Phoebe Smith) born in Talbotville livesin St Thomas age 82

Mrs David Parish (nee Louise Fesrin) born in Hamburg 9 miles from Buffalo age 81

Mrs John King (nee Elisabeth Teetzel) born in Southwold near Fingal age 82 living in St Thomas

Mrs Nathaniel Vail (nee Mary Puck) born in the State of Maine brought up in St John New Brunswick age 82

Mrs Thomas Higley (nee Francis Laue) born in Hamble ton Buckinghamshire now living in St Thomas age 83

Ruth C Nicholls born in Digby Nova Scotia living in St Thomas Bible Worker Seventh Day Adventist age 83

Mrs John Elliott (nee Margaret Reeve) born in Dumfriesshire Scotland now living in St Thomas age 86

Mrs Patrick Brady (nee Bridget Doyle) born in Ireland County Meaford home in St Thomas age 84

Mrs John Heard (nee Susanna Grace Taylor) born in Brixham near Torquay England in George III s reign settled near Peterborough in 1833 came to St Thomas 50 years ago in 1853 and settled upon the lot on which she still lives on Scott street

Miss Anne Jones born in Yarmouth 3 miles from St Thomas home now in city age 85

Mrs Watson Parker (nee Rebecca Brown) born 10 miles

Mrs. Hall
Mrs. Stafford
Mrs. Young
Mrs. Mason
Mrs. Crayon
Mrs. Parish
Mrs. Parks
Mrs. King
Mrs. Slocum
Mrs. Hayter
Mrs. Lynch
Mrs. Martin
Mrs. Mann
Mrs. W. Lucas
Old Ladies In Black
Mrs. Mills
Mrs. Wilcox

from Amherst Nova Scotia lives in Union age 85

Mrs Di Waller (nee Sarah Coburn) born in Grimsby drew land from Col Talbot when 2 years old lives in Blenheim age 86

Mrs John Sells (nee Maria Leonard) born in New York State lives in Michigan at present age 83

Mrs H F Hopkins (nee Cynthia Anne Phillips) born in Ohio now in city age 84

Mrs Horace Brotherhood (nee Jane Ross) born in Glengarry, Upper Canada now in city age 83

Mrs Stafford (nee Elizabeth Wise) born in Argyleshire Scotland home here age 83

Mrs Wallace home now here age near 80

Mrs Lewis (nee Minnie Peters) born in Upper Canada 20 miles this side of Kingston age 83 lives in St Thomas

Mrs Thos Young (nee Anne Wilson) age 79

Mrs Wm Forsyth (nee Elspeth Hutchinson) born in Elgin Scotland lives in St Thomas age 81

Mrs John Wilhams (nee Amy Best) born in Southwold where she still lives age 82

Mrs Wm Luton (nee Eliza Crane) born in Malahide now lives in Mapleton age 80

Mrs W Evely (nee Grace Brevley) born in Malahide age 87

Mrs Jacob Deo (nee Mary Ann Oakes) born in New Sarum where she still lives age 86

Mrs Geo Mann (nee Melinda Millar) born in St Thomas still lives here age 81

Mrs Wm Dodson (nee Elizabeth Tweed) born in Count Antrim Ireland lives in Talbotville at present age 89

Mrs Andrew Millar (nee Mary Fenhale) born in Devonshire Eng lives two miles from St Thomas age 81

## WELCOME TO OLD BOYS AND GIRLS

The welcome to old boys at Metcalfe street rink on Saturday night was attended by a large crowd The 25th Regiment band played a capital program and Dr Guest presided over the gathering with excellent judgment The entertainment was enjoyed from the band music to speeches of welcome by Mayor Maxwell and Dr Guest an eloquent response by Mr W H Ellison of New York and an exhibition of trick bicycle riding by Champion Giant of Toronto who did some marvelous feats from Indian war dance corn dance bear dance social dance and snake dance to an excellent speech by Chief Levi Doxtater of the Oneida Reserve Then the old fashioned spinning wheels operated by

Mrs St Thomas Smith and Mrs Payne were watched with interest and Miss McLean worked the old hand loom which was made by the late Abraham Waugh of Sheddden from wood cut on his farm in Southwold The log cabin was a point of interest visited by many at 5 cents per head Little Prepa Armstrong danced the Highland Fling to Piper Smiths bagpipe music and had to respond to an encore and Squire Hunt told of pioneer experiences when neighbors helped each other at barn raisings husking bees and apple parings when there was very little money and the magistrates had to be paid for marrying couples with $2 worth of syrup ashes or beeswax He told of a man named Brown who was married by Colonel Burwell The bride and couple went to the Col seated on a single horse were married paid their bees wax mounted again and started for home On the way the impatient Brown turned his head round to kiss his bride was taken with a crick in the neck and never got it straight again He was ever after known as Wry Neck Brown"

(Great laughter)

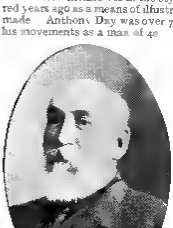
Mrs St. Thomas Smith
Curator Elgin Historical and Scientific Institute

Mr Ellison's speech held close attention as he told of the success of Canadian boys and Elgin county boys in the United States They were in demand particularly in working circles but wherever he had met them in different parts of the States they were an honor to their country He was glad to return to the scenes of his boyhood and said there was something wrong with a man who did not want to visit his old home

The Indians who danced were Kayenthoke whose name in English is Abram K Schuyler Oyagawa (Anthony Day) Yoawanewaka (William John) Shotoyaga (Peter Silver) Sogova

quas (a little boy whose English name was not secured) Kwiter Kanshaurore (Nicholas Nicholas) Showaton (Isaac Summers) Kent Keyasarbele (Albert Chrisjohn) Skahronhatis (Daniel Nicholas) and Tala (William Doxtater)

Chief Levi Doxtater made a speech abounding in good sense and good suggestions a speech which would have done credit to any member of Parliament He explained that the Indians who had taken part in the dances were good prosperous farmers and had dressed themselves in the style of their forefathers of a hundred years ago as a means of illustrating the progress that had been made Anthony Day was over 70 years old and was as active in his movements as a man of 40 He had seen Col Talbot in person He spoke of an old lady aged 104 who was in the day's procession and another aged 96 The latter had cut her own wood and cooked her own food last winter and earned her living by making baskets The Indians of 100 years ago lived on fish and bear meat and corn bread Their clothing was anything they could get to cover them His (Mr Doxtater's) grandfather had run all night carrying the mails The speaker reviewed Indian history and told of the confederation of five tribes who had been at war but had got together and pledged themselves to stand by each other in the interest of peace David W Wilhams was a farmer in comfortable circumstances who lived in his own good brick house and was respected by the business people of St Thomas and London Mr Doxtater thought the Indians were doing well considering their opportunities and he hoped the time would soon come when they would be considered worthy to be enfranchised and take their place alongside the white men—when they would not be set apart on reservations but be allowed to own their farms and have a voice in the government of the country He thanked the Missionary Society for the benefits of their schools and for



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their exertions for the improvement of the Indians

The Chief's speech was listened to with eager interest and loud applause followed it

Mayor Maxwell said a few commendatory words and thanked Mr Dexter for his excellent address

Dr Coest added a few words of appreciation and the entertainment closed with the National Anthem

There was great cheering when Frank Hunt escorted the aged Indian lady to the centre of the arena

Mrs Payne proved herself to be an expert with the old fashioned spinning wheel

His Honor D J Hughes Senior Judge of Elgin himself a resident of the settlement for some 67 years and of St Thomas since fifty years ago when he was appointed the first Judge of the County of Elgin was invited to address the assembled Old Boys upon this memorable occasion but being indisposed did not appear His non-appearance was regrettable as the occasion was appropriate the attendance large and enthusiastic and the evening fine

# Centennial Sunday

MAY 24th

The 16th Royal Grenadiers of Toronto and the 24th Kent Infantry of Chatham were the two visiting regiments which with the 25th Elgin Infantry and the Collegiate Institute Cadets formed the Military Brigade at the Celebration

The Grenadiers arrived by two special trains at 1 and 1 30 Sunday morning and at once went into the camp already prepared for them on the beautiful camp grounds at Pinafore Park

Services and sermons appropriate to the occasion were looked for at all the city churches and when the brigade (without the 24th which did not arrive from Chatham until the evening) marched into and up Wellington street each corps headed by its fine bands—large congregations were already flocking to all the churches

PATRIOTIC SERMONS WERE PREACHED AND PATRIOTIC MUSIC SUNG TO LARGE CONGREGATIONS

TRINITY CHURCH—BISHOP BALDWIN

Large congregations attended the services in Trinity Church on Sunday when his Lordship Bishop Baldwin preached two very appropriate sermons The morning service was attended by four companies and bugle band of the Royal Grenadiers under command of Major Meiers Adjutant C N Sharpe and about forty five members of the Collegiate Institute cadet corps in charge of Drill Instructor T H Jones Adjutant George Stacey of the local battalion also accompanied the Grenadiers The military bearing of both corps was splendid and flattering remarks were heard on all sides

In the morning Bishop Baldwin referred to the many wonderful changes that had taken place in the Settlement since Col Talbot felled the first tree That these changes were advances along higher lines was wholly due to the fact that those who have gone before us were men and women who had the fear of God before their eyes were industrious sons and daughters of toil and were loyal to their country and their God

Many of these old families had passed away since his first visit to this city forty three years ago and among the most honored of those still living was David J Hughes who has been judge of Elgin County for fifty years and whose noble face he was

pleased to notice among his congregation Speaking particularly to the Grenadiers the Bishop said he felt the deepest interest in them because they came from a city in which he spent his early days and also because their honorary chaplain was his own brother A real soldier said the Bishop is one who has overcome himself

In the evening His Lordship preached the annual sermon to the Sons of England lodges Chester No 18 and Truro No 62 being both well represented His Lordship preached an eloquent discourse

Speaking directly to the Sons of England he said it gave him great pleasure to speak to a society which represented grand old England and he wished to encourage them in their work of love and charity England stands for liberty and all that is right and good

In concluding the Bishop said the world was not waiting for more wealth nor an increase of her forces but was patiently awaiting the coming of the King who will be the only Solver of this world s great problems

## HOLY ANGELS—FATHER STANLEY

At Holy Angels Church on Sunday chairs had to be placed in the aisles so great was the attendance at both services At high mass Rev Father Stanley reviewed the history of the Catholic Church in the Talbot Settlement He pointed out that when the Neutral tribe of Indians flourished here the first missionaries to attempt their evangelization were two Jesuit priests sent from Montreal in 1639 namely Fathers Brebeouf and Chaumonot They traversed the Indian trail since known as Talbot street from Brantford to Windsor preaching as they went The nearest village to St Thomas they named Our Lady of the Holy Angels hence the name of this Church and parish The Indian left on village beyond Fingal they called St Alexis The Neutrals refused the gospel Ten years later they were destroyed by the Five Nations tribe of New York State In 1670 two Sulpician priests Dollier and Galinee passing westward wintered at Port Dover where they set up a cross affixing thereto the arms of the King of France with an inscription claiming possession of the country by right of discovery for christianity and for France halted a short time at Port Stanley where they celebrated mass —the very first Christian worship in this whole region—and proceeded along shore till Detroit River was reached They were accompanied by the famous explorer La Salle the discoverer of the Ohio River The next white man to skirt the Erie shore was Father Hennepin in 1678 His sketch of Niagara Falls is the

oldest in existence In 1803 came the Talbot Settlement and the gradual but gratifying growth of Catholicity therein

The procession to the Catholic cemetery at 3 p m was imposing the school children leading headed by the 25th Regt band followed by fraternal and other societies and members of the congregation On arriving there hymns being sung Rev Father Staufley mounted the platform and led the multitude in prayer all kneeling on the green sward after which he delivered a feeling address In the evening he lectured on Good Literature warning his hearers against the readng of the sensational trashy unchaste papers novels and magazines now flooding the land

The music was under the able direction of Mr W F Reynolds of London and was excellently rendered

## KNOX CHURCH—REV D R DRUMMOND

Rev D R Drummond addressed the officers and men of the 25th Regiment as well as an immense congregation at the morning service in Knox Church Sunday The body of the church was entirely filled the soldiers occupying the front seats The gallery was also thrown open and was filled Mr Drummond delivered an excellent discourse based upon Deut 8 2 and the 1st verse of the 16th chapter of Romans dwelling also upon the words of Psalm 1 16 The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places yea I have a goodly heritage The speaker urged the duty of remembering the blessings of the past and how much the present owes to the past It was memory that made men He emphasized the value of memory to which all other faculties are subservient and on which they are dependent In passing the speaker paid a warm tribute to the sterling qualities of the early pioneers to whom the younger generations were indebted for the advantages and institutions of today and for their own inherent qualities of worth He briefly referred to the wonderful development of Canada during the past century and the natural resources which have been developed In paying a tribute to the military powers of Canada Mr Drummond said we had no desire to be known as a land of fighters but did desire to be able and ready to fight whenever it became necessary It was a Canadian boy upon whose breast was placed the first Victoria Cross He was pleased that Knox Church had been chosen as the place of worship for the day of the soldier boys of our own city He closed by urging them if they wanted to render their country patriotic service to cultivate their own manhood and the Christian virtues

A number of visiting Old Boys were present one of whom Wm McIlray occupied his old place in the choir Lieut

Spencer of Simcoe was also present in uniform among his former fellow officers

The choir sang very acceptably Miss Lottie Scott taking the sole part in the anthem Miss Scott also sang "Lead kindly Light" and Mr Kenneth Finlay sang very impressively The Holy City The services throughout were most enjoyable

## CENTRAL METHODIST—REV H W CREWS

The people of the Central Methodist Church had the interior of their place of worship handsomely decorated with flags and flowers Sunday and had the gratification of the presence of the Right half of the Royal Grenadiers Regiment of Toronto at the morning service Col Stimson also attended service there The pastor Rev H W Crews preached a thoughtful sermon a retrospect of the century—the progress from the ox-cart the sickle and the flail to the self binder the railroad and the automobile—from the log cabin such as that on Metcalfe street to the palatial residences of today Had it not been for the sturdy pluck of the men and women who lived in the log cabins we would not have had the advantages and comforts we enjoy today He welcomed the visiting soldiers to the church and hoped their visit to the city would be pleasant The musical service rendered by the choir included the anthems A Dream of Paradise (Rodney) and Christians the Morn Breaks Sweetly O'er Thee (Shelley) with solos by Mrs Dempster Miss Hicks Messrs De Carteret and Ley all well sung Mrs Dempster also sang the solo Two Angels with violin obligato beautifully played by Miss Gertrude Huntley With a finely judged accompaniment by Mrs Stacey the ensemble was excellent and most pleasing While the congregation was assembling Mrs Stacey played The Maple Leaf and during the entrance of the soldiers gave DeKoven's setting of Kipling's Recessional The school room was thrown open and the building was completely filled

In the evening there was another large congregation and Mr Crews preached a prospective sermon outlining what he believed we might expect during the century to come He believes we will have much swifter means of transportation than the railroad speed of 60 or 70 miles an hour that trolleys will radiate in all directions so that the congestion of the cities will be obviated by business men riding out to the suburbs to live that alcohol will be burned for fuel which he hoped would be the case for it would be better to burn it than drink it we will be better fed and suffer less from dyspepsia bacteriologists would hunt out and destroy the deadly microbe the great discrepancy between the rich and poor will disappear we will have more demo-

cratic ideas and government of the people by the people for the people will come to pass he predicted municipal ownership of public utilities as the rule and said bribery which was due to no difference would be stamped out Science which had been made a means of beclouding Christianity was now endorsing it and would do so more and more and more Interested divisions would disappear men would try to save each other instead of seeking to damn each other. There would be believed be a reign of love which would continually generate fresh impulses for good

## FIRST METHODIST —REV DR YOUNG

In the First Methodist Church Sunday night Rev Dr Young preached on Monuments from the text what mean ye these stones? from Joshua 4 6 After a reference to monuments in general Dr Young spoke of the cairn erected at Pinafore Park and proceeded to describe the conditions which made possible the progress and advancement of the century The Doctor attributed these to noble ambition with persistence education and religion He said if I had the forming of the procession Saturday I would have had in it a representation of the old pioneer school teacher who taught for $10 a month and boarded around We are indebted to him more than we think I would also have placed in the procession a representation of the old pioneer preacher with his saddle bags

During the service the choir sang Kipling's Recessional Mrs Christmas doug the solo part Percy Newcombe rendered a solo and Miss Winnie Graham and Mr Walter Norsworthy gave a duet

# Victoria Day

MAY 24th

## MILITARY PARADE

The marchout of the visiting regiments Monday morning was witnessed by thousands of people The brigade was to have been in charge of Lt Col Peters D O C No 1 district but owing to his being taken suddenly ill on Sunday morning he could not come and Lt Col McLachlin commander of the 25th regiment as senior officer took command of the brigade Major Mason of

Camp at Pinafore Park

the Grenadiers acted as brigade major and Capt Teetzel as orderly officer The streets were packed with people all along the route of march and the brigade made a fine appearance The Grenadiers with their black busbies the neat looking 34th Kent our own white helmeted 25th clean and spruce and the soldierly cadets all marched well and looked well The route of march was a long one and the visiting soldiers must have thought that St Thomas was a city of magnificent distances Before it was

concluded some of the Grenadiers had to drop out and others were overcome at the armouries where the brigade drew up after taking a rest while the formal opening of the armoury was in progress.

## THE OPENING OF THE ARMOURY

The new armoury of the 25th regiment was formally opened the proceedings commencing at 11 a m The visiting soldiers with the 25th and Cadets were drawn up in rear of the armoury and there was also present a large number of citizens

The speaking took place from the balcony over the entrance

25th Regiment and Armouries

Mayor Maxwell presided and [illegible] the speechmaking said that now that the 25th regiment had such [illegible] comfortable and efficient quarters the people could look to greater efficiency in the regiment even than in the past He believed in encouraging the military sentiment We had lived through a peaceful period and we should thank the Mother Country for her protection We had not had a large military establishment He thought that a competent man should be kept in every district and well paid to keep the militia in an efficient state When we required the military it was like the need of a physician—they

were required quick The commander of every military district should attend to military duties alone so that all the militia would be well trained and able to protect their own and the lives dependent upon them The 25th has now a splendid lecture hall and armoury in which to prepare themselves. He welcomed the Grenadiers and 24th Kent regiment and expressed the hope that better facilities would be afforded in the future to the militia of Canada

Mr Jabel Robinson M P said that the British soldiers had succeeded in giving us the greatest empire the world had ever seen He was sure that they would do their duty if called upon. We lived in times of peace but we did not know how long there would be peace and our young men should be drilled in the art of war The principal thing was to learn to shoot and hit the target He was proud to see the young men interested themselves in military matters

A. G. Ingram M. P.

Col Stimson of the 10th Royal Grenadiers was received with cheers He hoped to be a soldier but said he was not much of a speaker He thanked the citizens of St Thomas and the committees for the kindness shown the Grenadiers The best entertainment they ever had and the best of weather had been provided He thanked the citizens again for their kind treatment

Mr A B Ingram M P expressed his pleasure in being present to take part in opening the grand armoury He believed it would do much to perfect the 25th regiment He had always taken an active interest in the Cadets a corps of which the city was proud In a few years the boys will take the place of the militia The Cadet corps form the nucleus for the permanent military force of the country Since the South African war the tactics of military warfare have changed What we want now is men who can shoot not as in olden times form a square and prepare for the charge of cavalry He regretted that he had not a military training so as to enable him to discuss the matter in military terms and as it should be discussed His complimented

the officers and visiting soldiers on their conduct so far and hoped that nothing would occur to mar their visit and that they would return some day to pay us another visit

Lt.-Col J. M. Rankin of the 24th Kent regiment was received with cheers by his corps and others. He expressed the hope that the Talbot Settlement would continue to grow and prosper so that at the next centenial this district would be many times as populous and prosperous as it was at the present time. He thought even with so many festivities that it would be wrong not to open the armoury. The Colonel closed his address with a well told little story.

Dr. J. H. Wilson ex M. P. said that Canadians were not only capable of developing this grand country but of providing for the army the best soldiers the world could produce. The militia of Canada were ever ready to sacrifice themselves for the benefit of their country. The Doctor also recommended that every soldier should learn to shoot and referred to the South African war when Canadians tumbled over each other to get enlisted in the service and when they did get to South Africa they made a name for themselves in the field that opened the eyes of the world to Canada. Their capture of Cronje had virtually settled the war. He referred to the magnificent armoury now owned by the city which he had fought industriously for. While it was needed to perfect the soldiers he hoped the occasion would never arise when they would be called upon to sacrifice their lives in defence of their country. He paid a high compliment to the Collegiate Cadets and pointed out the benefit derived from the drill and instruction received in the Cadet Corps.

Judge Ermatinger said that the soldiers wanted to get to their dinners. (Loud cheers from the soldiers.) He congratulated the three militia regiments and the Collegiate Cadets on their smart appearance.

Lt.-Col. McLachlin commanding officer of the 24th regiment said that in a few years ago this district was opened by a soldier and he thought it fitting that this building should be formally opened at this time. He declared the building formally opened and asked all to come and inspect it.

Col. Rankin proposed cheers for the 24th regiment and Cadets and Mayor Maxwell three cheers for the Grenadiers and 24th Kent which were heartily given.

Three cheers were given for the King and then the crowd flocked in to inspect the armoury.

## THE AFTERNOON PARADE

At 2 p.m. the brigade assembled on the western part of the park and with Col McLachlin as chief officer fired a feu de joie Then the troops marched past in open column and close column the Grenadiers leading the 25th next and the 24th following while the Collegiate cadets brought up the rear As during the street parade the cadets marched more perfectly than the red coats All the troops however marched well and as each company passed the stand there was great cheering The beautiful ceremony of trooping the colors performed by the Grenadiers followed when the brigade was dismissed The physical drill by

Firing Feu de Joie

a packed squad of the Grenadiers was the most enjoyable spectacle of the afternoon and aroused great enthusiasm as the clockhke movements of the athletes kept time to the music of the band The fancy drill of the Canton of uniformed Oddfellows under Capt Squance with their beautiful uniforms was excellently done and aroused immense plaudits

After that the baseball match followed

Having had supper the Grenadiers broke camp at 8 o clock and marched by way of Talbot street to the Grand Trunk station the band playing and the men singing Rule Britannia to the delight of the thousands upon thousands of spectators who lined the streets. Cheers were given by the Grenadiers for St

Grenadiers Troop by the Colors

Thomas as they passed down the street and in this connection it is gratifying to state that the Toronto visitors expressed their perfect satisfaction with the treatment accorded them here in every respect They were given a great send off at the station

EVENING CONCERT

A concert was given at night at the Granite Rink by the 25th regimental band which was fairly well attended The band rendered a fine programme in their usual good style Dr Guest made a few remarks and the postponed bicycle races were completed There were six entries in the bicycle race which was won by Gordon Foote Mr Grant gave an exhibition of fancy and trick bicycle riding

# Ontario Historical Society Meeting

On Wednesday 3rd June the above Society met in the handsome and spacious Court Room of the Court House in St Thomas The President C C James in the chair Geo R Pattullo Woodstock Vice President David Boyle Secy Col E F Edwards K C Peterboro Mrs J H Thompson and Alfred Wilson Toronto being among the officers and councillors of the Society present together with a large number of members and delegates

The afternoon session was taken up chiefly by the reading of the Secretary's and Treasurer's reports and the reports of the various affiliated societies after which an adjournment was made to the Room of the Local Society in the Court House where the Curator Mrs St Thomas Smith had arranged the Museum and Library of the Institute for inspection After registration of the names of the visiting officials members and delegates they were treated by the Elgin Historical and Scientific Institute to a trip over the City Electric Railway to Pinafore Park and around the Beltline visiting the Centennial Cairn at the Park and the C.P.R. Hall en route

The register showed the following members were present at the meeting

George R Pattullo Woodstock Oxford Historical Society
Justus A Griffin Hamilton Wentworth Historical Society
Miss E J Chandler Belleville Ont
James Egan London
C O Ermatinger Elgin
Alfred Wilson York Pioneer Society Toronto
Judge R S Woods Chatham
Robt I Warner St Thomas Canadian Methodist Historical Society
Mrs C Fessenden Wentworth
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Jas H Covae St Thomas
Joshua Adams Sarnia
Miss Margaret F Allan Bowmanville
Miss M E Riddell Bowmanville

Dr W F Cam[illegible] [illegible]n C E Leonard Miss Priddis London

The St Thomas lady [illegible]mbers present were

Mrs J H Wilson president of Women's Auxiliary Mrs St Thomas Smith Curator of local society Mrs N W Moore Mrs J T C Finlay Miss Travers Mrs Silcox secretary local society Women's Auxiliary Mrs Ermatinger and vice president Charlotte S Wegg assistant secretary Mrs S Burne

## ADDRESSES OF WELCOME

At the evening session extempore addresses of Welcome were delivered by Alderman Linton for the Mayor of St. Thomas who was absent in Toronto and Warden McKellar for the County Council of Elgin who adjourned for the occasion after which Judge Ermatinger President of the local Society read an address as follows

Mr President and the Members of the Ontario Historical Society

In bidding you welcome on behalf of the Elgin Historical and Scientific Institute I was told I should follow established usage in committing to writing what I might have to say

Your Society meets for the first time in the centre of what was long known as the Talbot Country a country not wanting in interest to the antiquarian and the historian

To morrow if the weather be propitious you will have an opportunity of visiting and inspecting the spot where the remains of an ancient entrenchment or fortified village of the aboriginal inhabitants still exists after the lapse of centuries in a form it is said as well if not better preserved than any found elsewhere in this Dominion

You will then at a distance of only some three miles thence be able to visit and personally inspect the spot where the founder of this prosperous settlement began his work of introducing what we call civilization in this region by felling the first tree and establishing his home at Port Talbot

Just four years ago I had the honour of calling the attention of the members of an Institute and of the public to the then approaching Centennial anniversary of that event and without further trespassing on your time by detailing what is already set forth I believe in our formal report to your Society I may say the inhabitants of the district have recently participated with many brothers and sisters from abroad in a five day celebration commencing on the anniversary day 21st May with unanimity a liberality and a success extremely gratifying to all our people and especially so to the members of our Institute

who suggested it and to which it is hoped you will meeting here will form a fitting climax

I may say that the 21st May was from 1817 to 1838 or there abouts marked by a festival held here except for the last couple of years when it was held in London under the name of the Talbot Anniversary as a personal tribute to Colonel Talbot by the settlers —while our recent Centennial Celebration was held in honour of all the Pioneers the Colonel included who not only laid the foundation but built up the fabric of this prosperous and happy settlement

And it is a somewhat interesting historical fact that the suggestion to whom the inception of the Talbot Anniversary festivals of old was due was Dr John Rolph himself at the time a settler living within a mile of St Thomas and a friend and professedly ardent admirer of Colonel Talbot who at the time the last festival was held was an exile from the country three his advanced political course No and the Colonel politically wide as the poles asunder The one prominent man who on the other hand opposed the inauguration of the Talbot Anniversary at that time (1817) was Colonel Burwell who nevertheless continued to enjoy Colonel Talbot's friendship and political support I believe to the last showing as it seems to me that Colonel Talbot was capable of magnanimity of feeling and judgment uninfluenced by petty considerations

Colonel Talbot's life work and the anniversary festivals practically closed about the same time for he informed Mrs Jamison in 1837 that he had accomplished what he had set out to do The he lived until 1853 the intervening years were the period of his decline. He was a product of the Georgian era and his power as the uncrowned King of these regions may be said to have expired with the last of those Kings whose confidence he enjoyed and under whom he flourished

The reign of the young Queen who then ascended the throne was almost co terminus with our settlement's century In its material political and educational advancement not possible under former conditions has been made and nowhere is Victoria the Good held in deeper reverence than in the Talbot settlement

I may add that it was the hope of our Institute to have unveiled on the 21st of May last on the Court House Square in this city a fitting memorial of Her Gracious Majesty which would by appropriate embellishments and inscriptions have also suitably commemorated the settlement and its pioneers and history Owing to circumstances beyond the Institute's control which I need not detail this was impossible of accomplishment though

I hope that some suitable memorial of her Majesty may yet adorn this city. Meantime a local historical memorial intended to be as permanent in its rude form has been erected at Finalore Park in the shape of a Cairn of stones each representing and having engraved upon it the name of one of the original 29 township comprised within the Talbot Settlement within which when put in permanent condition will be deposited documents relating to the present Centenary.

At the risk of being considered heterodox I venture the opinion that the historian should not stop short at the collection of dry facts the preservation of musty documents and the planting of memorials of the past. It seems to me that he misses the higher part of his vocation if he fail to place the facts in their true setting of surrounding details and conditions at least so as to insure that the lamp of knowledge he lights may enable those who may go forward into the future to pursue a right path and avoid the obstructions and pitfalls of the past.

Judging Colonel Talbot for instance by present day standards it seems to depict him as a monster of cruelty oppression rapacity and intemperance as indeed it seems rather the fashion now to paint him. Placed in the light and shade and amid the environments of the days in which he lived probably he would present a different figure and moral aspect to his critics.

Slavery was made illegal by the first Parliament of the Province which he attended in the suite of the first Governor yet was not immediately completely abolished. Duelling continued to be regarded as a necessary mode of settling certain classes of disputes for many years after while gambling and intemperance were almost necessary social accomplishments. Land grabbing was general and whole townships were granted to individuals who made no sacrifice either of money or effort to promote settlement to the extent that Colonel Talbot did. Indeed colonization schemes for the enrichment of speculators rather than the benefit of the colonists have not been unknown even in our own day. Responsible government was imperfectly understood in the mother land and much less in the colonies.

I mention these things not as an apologist for Colonel Talbot or defender of his methods or habits but simply to show the necessity for surrounding historical characters with the atmosphere and environments in which they lived.

We may boast of our material advancement of our progress in education art and science but are we more loyal true moral and God fearing than were the early pioneers with their five large families of for the most part dutiful sons and daughters?

Are we better men and women than they—individually socially and politically purer and less corrupt?

It may be the historian has no business to suggest much less to attempt to answer such questions yet if he does his duty in presenting the Past to the gaze of the Future the questions will suggest themselves and upon the answer we are able to truthfully give to them depends the verdict whether we have made use of our superior advantages and opportunities to fulfil what it was intended we should be or do when we were placed in this favoured region of the world And if we find we have failed as yet then let us make resolve to put the new century to better use

Lest I should be accused of preaching when I should speak words of compliment let me close by complimenting you upon the good work being done by the Ontario Society and the valuable collections and publications being made in which your efficient Secretary is especially interested I believe The recent published work of our arid your past President Mr Coyne we are glad to know forms a valuable addition to the Literature of the Society

I hope Mr President ladies and gentlemen the present meeting may prove a pleasant as well as profitable one to us all

C O ERMATINGER

President Elgin Historical & Sc Institute

President James reply which was of some length and full of interest dealt chiefly with the life of Governor Simcoe and the recent unveiling of the monument erected in his memory at Toronto which rendered the subject of the address a timely one Though too long for reproduction here President James valuable contribution appears in the publications of the Provincial Society

In the absence of Col Clarke of Elora who was to have read a paper Judge Ermatinger read his paper announced for the afternoon on the early life of Col Talbot

## VISIT TO SOUTHWOLD EARTHWORKS AND FORT TALBOT

On the morning of June 4th at about 9 o'clock the members of the Ontario Society and the Elgin County Council were driven by the members of the local Society to the old Indian Fort or Earthworks on the Henderson farm in Southwold the largest and best preserved it is said of their kind in Canada where a very interesting address on Ontario Onomatology was given by H F Gardiner of Hamilton and one upon the Earthworks themselves by David Boyle the Archeologist and Secretary and an enjoyable luncheon partaken of

The Ontario Historical Society at Port Talbot

The party next drove to Port Talbot where they were welcomed by Mr Talbot Macbeth K C the present proprietor and Mrs Macbeth and spent a very pleasant afternoon in viewing the historic place where civilized life was inaugurated by Col Talbot the spot where the original first tree was cut by the Colonel being pointed out by Mr John Brown J P A paper by Mr Smith J P S of Wentworth was followed by an interesting talk by Mr J H Coyne on the early visits of notable people to Port Talbot particularly Mrs Jameson extracts from whose graceful description of the Colonel and his home were read

Refreshments were again served on the lawn by the ladies of the Elgin Historical Society whose efforts on this and the previous day and indeed throughout the whole Centennial Celebration cannot be too highly praised

A large number of Pioneers who had lived in the time of Colonel Talbot were by invitation present here and at the Indian Fort and distinguished by yellow badges were regarded and their conversation heard with much interest

In front of the old homestead the Provincial Society and their hosts and Pioneers were photographed as well as at the Earthworks

At about 6 pm after the national Anthem was sung carriages were taken for St Thomas and the annual meeting and outing of the Provincial Society came to an end

As throughout the St Thomas Celebration the weather during the two days of the Ontario Society's visit was perfect in keeping that Providence smiled upon the whole Talbot Settlement Centenary

It remains only to be added that the financial success of the Celebration was in keeping with the general result a handsome surplus in cash being left in the hands of the general Celebration Committee in St Thomas out of which the Cairn in the Park has been reinlered a permanent and enduring monument of the First Centenary of the Talbot Settlement

# Minutes of General Committee Summarized

The above Committee met on March 16th and outlined a programme similar in its main features to that ultimately adopted and carried out

At a public meeting held on 23rd March this programme was adopted subject to modification or arrangement to suit the exigencies

Mayor C F Maxwell was elected the Permanent Chairman of the Committee already named which was made the executive committee with power to add to their number and subdivide the work

The various municipalities and the Talbot settlement generally were invited to co-operate and take part in the demonstration as also the various Fraternal and other Societies

At a meeting held March 23rd the following were appointed a subscription Committee Messrs E A Smith F Doggett W E Waterbury P Meehan and B E Bonsinger with power to add to their number J Mackenzie and H Rudolph were subsequently added

Dr Bartlett was elected Treasurer of the General Committee

The offer of the 24th Regiment of Chatham to attend for $200 to defray expenses was accepted

Colonel McLachlin was authorized to secure the 7th Regiment of London if possible

It was decided to invite the Minister of Militia and Lord Dundonald for 25th May to open the new Armoury

W H Murch W B Waterbury and H Roe were appointed a Printing Committee

The Elgin Historical and Scientific Institute was given charge of proceedings for 21st May

Messrs Doggett F W Wright and S Silcox to have in connection with Board of Education charge of second day's programme

Dr Guest L Ferguson John McKenzie and Sheriff Brown (to whom Judge Ermatinger was subsequently added) to have charge of the Pioneer Part of Saturday's programme

Dr Bartlett K W McKay and J H Coyne to take charge

of Old Boys part of programme for Saturday May 23rd

On March 30th the subscription committee met a committee of the Retail Merchants Association when the latter agreed to contribute $300 providing a Trades Procession be abandoned A rough estimate of receipts $7550 and expenditure $7200 was arrived at

At a meeting of the General Committee held April 6th it was resolved that all funds be deposited in the Merchants Bank to the credit of the Centennial Committee and withdrawn only by cheques signed by the Treasurer and countersigned by the Chairman and that Henry Roe be permanent Secretary of the Celebration at a salary of $3 per day (Sundays excluded) March 23rd to May 30th

Henry Roe Secretary Celebration Committee

On April 7th members of the General Committee waited upon the City Council to ask for a grant of $500 for Demonstration purposes which was granted

A proposition from the 70 Royal Grenadiers to come on the night of May 23rd and remain until night of 25th was accepted committee to furnish caterer and tents in lieu of buildings for sleeping

At a meeting of the General Committee held April 8th Messrs S Silcox H C Hockin and J W Stewart were appointed a committee to confer with the Ladies Historical Society as to holding a concert in the Granite Rink and to rent the Rink for all the days of the Celebration

On April 16th Col McLachlin K W McKay H C Hockin and S H Palmer were appointed to report a full programme for Monday May 25th

On the 20th April at a meeting of the general Committee the Secy was requested to reply to a letter from Capt Kent of Windsor that the Committee had invited the 70 Royal Grenadiers and 24th Regiment for May 25th and while they would be glad to have the Essex Regiment as visitors the finances would not permit their sending out further invitations

Judge Ermatinger was added to the Pioneer Committee and his suggestion as to having a Cairn erected in the Park adopted

The Secy was asked to request of the City Council an official opening of the Park on Saturday 23rd May under the name Centennial Park and for permission to erect Cairn therein and that the Council assist the Reeve in its erection

The following were appointed a Decoration Committee — W J McCance J Henning C Sanders S Chant Geo Midgley E G Cooper N W Moore T G McIntyre R Sterling W Worth Jr W W Lumsden Jos Rivard K H Dowler C Corbett Jas Egan C M Baldwin R M J Webb A M C Donaldson

The following were appointed an Illumination Committee M A Gilbert John Farley C H Hepinstall T H Duncombe R Blackmore G A Ingram W Cornforth F G O'Donnell S F Pocock

The Secy was requested to ask all the ministers of the City to prepare special Historical sermons for 24th May

Messrs K W McKay R M Anderson and Col McLachlan were appointed a Committee to report on catering of soldiers

The design submitted by Mr Waterbury was adopted as the official badge or coat of arms of the Centennial Celebration and electro types ordered

Steps were taken to have a wheelsman's gathering and contest on Saturday 23rd May

At a meeting on April 27th the following committee were given full charge of the Rink and of everything to be carried on in and in connection therewith viz F Doggett Dr Garratt Col Macdachin and Mrs Dr Wilson The same committee appointed to engage and allot Bands

Mr R M Anderson reported as to catering to Royal Grenadiers that meal could be subsisted for 1/6 2 3/4 per meal

J Farrell and A W Hutchinson were added to the Committee and given authority to arrange for the catering

A grant of $100 was made to Pioneer Committee for attractions including Indian Band

Messrs J H Coyne W F Waterbury J W Stewart and F Hunt were appointed a committee on attractions

The Mayor was requested to procure the bells of the city to be rung for 20 minutes on 24th May

At a meeting held 30th April K W McKay Esq in the chair Dr Silcox submitted programme for Empire Day and prices of admission to Rink were fixed—all children to be free in afternoon May 22nd and charged 15c for evening and adults 15c in afternoon and 25c in evening

Invitations to adjoining country schools to be present at Concert authorized—and $25 guaranteed for concert expenses

Fifty dollars was appropriated for bands for Pioneer Day

It was decided that Pioneer procession be formed at St Andrew's market at noon May 23rd the old Boys on registering at City Hall receive a badge entitling them to free admission to all entertainments and that a formal welcome be tendered them in the Rink in the evening

Fraternal Societies and citizens generally were asked to decorate the graves of departed friends on May 24th at 2 p m

Canton Victoria was engaged for drill at 4 p m May 25th to be paid $25

Baseball and other games and races authorized for same hour total expense $45

Walter Ross and W W Lumsden addressed the Committee on behalf of Decoration Committee and S Pocock on behalf of Illumination Committee and these committees were guaranteed $200 and $150 respectively total appropriations made $2050—estimated receipts—collections $1600 concerts $450—$2050

At a meeting held May 4th R M Anderson Esq in the chair a proposition was made by Col Burke U S Consul as to presentation of medals to life saving crew and arrangements made for that ceremony at Rink Friday evening Guest Badges to be presented to crew to admit them to all entertainments etc A proposition from W K Cameron for opening of new athletic grounds also received

A central Executive Committee consisting of the Mayor the Secy Messrs Murch Silcox McKay Guest and Doggett was appointed to act during recess of General Committee

Printing Committee were asked to enlist the services of Oulooker and Bohemian of the local press to assist in obtaining contributions to general fund

The following were added by the Central Executive to the General Committee on May 17th—M G Hay G R McColl F Sutherland H McPherson R L McCally E A Horton G Geddes F S Lewis and E A Smith

The last meeting of the General Committee previous to the celebration was held on May 18th W H Murch Esq in the chair It was decided to present the visiting Reeves with Guest badges and to provide meals for crews of Petrel and Lifeboat A large amount of other preliminary business was transacted

On May 30th the General Committee met Mr John McKenzie in the chair

Reports from chairmen of various committees of expenses

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| were read totaling | $2424 53 |
| Dr Bartlett reported receipts | 3087 97 |
| Shewing surplus | $ 662 74 |

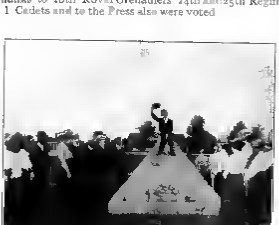
It was decided to ask Mr H T Gough to audit the accounts and print a summary in the newspapers The following Committee was appointed to complete the Cairn in Pinafore Park —Judge Ermatinger K W McKay J A Bell J H Coyne and F Doggett

A vote of thanks was tendered the Hon the Minister of Public Works for illuminating Post Office

Also to Mr and Mrs Payne and Mr and Mrs St Thomas Smith for assistance with Log Cabin etc

Surplus badges were turned over to the Elgin Historical Society

Thanks to 10th Royal Grenadiers 24th and 25th Regiments and C I Cadets and to the Press also were voted



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From voluntary contributions the nucleus of a library and museum has been gathered, which has gradually grown to a considerable collection of books and objects of interest. Their removal to quarters more accessible to the public in the near future will, it is hoped, stimulate public interest in the work of the society. Books, documents and objects of historic interest for the museum will be welcomed by the society either as gifts or on deposit for safe keeping.

The continued growth of the society's collection will in time it is felt, call for the erection or acquirement by the Institute of a building of their own. Legacies or donations for this object will be welcomed and invested until the fund so formed is sufficient for the purpose in view.

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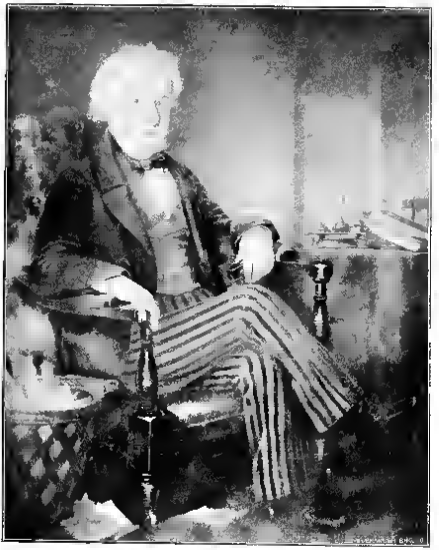


Colonel Talbot

# Introductory

On 21st May 1803 Lt Colonel Thomas Talbot, commenced the settlement known ever since by his name, by landing and cutting the first tree at Port Talbot

The lands subsequently settled under his superintendence embraced 29—afterwards by subdivisions enlarged to 34—townships now forming the whole of one (Elgin) and parts of four other counties

In 1817 there was inaugurated an annual Celebration on the 21st of May in each year which was continued until after the the Rebellion of 1837-38 It consisted of a dinner followed by a ball and was held at or near St Thomas except upon the last one or two occasions when it was held at London

By a letter to the press of St Thomas dated 22nd May 1899 and published in the Journal and Times the following day, the writer drew the attention of the public to the approaching Centennial anniversary of the founding of the settlement and proposed a suitable Celebration of the event and a permanent memorial in some form

At a meeting of the Elgin Historical and Scientific Institute held at the old Town Hall on the 5th June 1899 it was 'moved by Judge Ermatinger seconded by J H Coyne—that in the opinion of this meeting steps should be taken for a formal Celebration of the founding of the Talbot Settlement in May 1903 and that it be referred to the Council to report upon the subject—carried '

Committees were subsequently appointed by the Elgin Historical and Scientific Institute and the County Council of Elgin and City Council of St Thomas to act in concert primarily with regard to the erection of a permanent memorial to be erected in honour of the pioneers of the Settlement and to commemorate the Centenary of its commencement the central figure of which should be a statue of Queen Victoria The Elgin Council passed a grant of one fourth of the cost (not to exceed $4000) and the City Council of St Thomas a grant of $2000, but neither the Provincial nor DominionGovernment, nor the other municipalities of the settlement having

contributed, the Elgin Council's grant was withdrawn and the memorial project for the time being fell to the ground

In the winter of 1903 the Council of the Elgin Historical and Scientific Institute again took up the subject of the celebration of the Centenary and a committee consisting of the president Judge Ermatinger Vice President Dr Silcox Messrs J H Coyne J W Stewart and W H Murch and Lt Colonel McLachlin of the 25th Regiment, waited upon the City Council and outlined a proposal for a public celebration to commence on 21st May when a Banquet would be held by the Institute and concluding on the 25th May Victoria Day and embracing the formal opening of the new Collegiate Institute and the armouries, an "old boys" gathering and a review of Militia and Cadets Inasmuch as the Ontario Historical Society had been invited by the Institute as well as by the City Council to hold their annual summer meeting at St Thomas the Society would meet here in the first week of June and such meeting (during which a drive to the Southwold Earthworks and Port Talbot was to take place) would form a fitting conclusion to the celebration

The subject was referred to No 1 committee of the city council who joined the Committee of the Institute in a request that the mayor call a public meeting to discuss the question of a celebration and should the general celebration be decided on to form a Citizens Committee to carry it out

# The General Committee

The mass meeting of citizens called and presided over by the Mayor was held at the City Hall on the evening of the 9th March 1903 when Mr Henry Roe having been elected Secretary a resolution in favour of a Centennial Celebration was passed and a committee consisting of Messrs Judge Ermatinger the Mayor and J W Stewart President of the Board of Trade was appointed to select a committee of citizens to draft a form of demonstration and present the same for ratification at a public meeting on March 23rd

The general committee so selected consisted of the following gentlemen –Mayor Maxwell Dr F Guest E A Smith L Ferguson W B Waterbury R M Anderson W H Murch H C Hockin B F Honsinger O Masterman P Meehan S Silcox F McCormack Talbot Macbeth Sheriff Brown C O Ermatinger J W Stewart F Doggett Col McLachlan J H Coyne T J Courtenay Henry Roe L H Dingman F W Wright Dr Bartlett P M L Egan Peter Stewart K W McKay J H Price H Rudolph J McKenzie, to whom the following were subsequently added M G Hay G R McColl, F Sutherland, H McPherson, R L McCally, E A Horton G Geddes F S Lewis and A S Smith

Mayor C F Maxwell

(For Summary of General Committee s Proceedings see Post)

## LORD DUNDONALD AND THE GOVERNOUR GENERAL

The Minister of Militia was obliged to decline the General Committee s invitation to visit the city and open the armouries

on 25th May owing to his having made an engagement previously to spend that day at Brantford

Lord Dundonald general officer commanding the Militia of Canada in the course of an Inspection tour visited the City on April 6th and inspected the Collegiate Institute Cadets and the new Armouries and being invited to return and formally open the latter on 25th May promised to do so if his other engagements would permit but subsequently notified the committee of his inability to do so

His Excellency the Governour General was invited by the Elgin Historical and Scientific Institute to attend the Banquet on 21st May and by the Mayor to accept addresses from the city and other municipalities at the same time but had previously arranged for an earlier tour of Western Ontario His Excellency accompanied by the Countess of Minto and Lady Eileen Elliott and his Staff accordingly paid a brief visit to St Thomas on May 13th and was met at the Grand Trunk-Wabash Station by the Mayor and Council the Judges and officials of the city and the railway companies Colonel Burke United States Consul and Lt Colonel McLachlin A guard of honour consisting of 100 men of the 25th Regiment with the Band of the Regiment under command of Captain Green Lieuts Atkinson and Corrie, was present and after inspecting the guard His Excellency and party were driven to the Collegiate Institute grounds where the Cadets under Captain Jones were inspected and complimented and the national anthem sung by the scholars thence to the Wellington Street School and Alma College at each of which patriotic choruses were well rendered after which the corporation s address was read by the Mayor in the council chamber of the city hall in which reference was made to the history and approaching Centennial Celebration of the commencement of the settlement His Excellency in his reply expressing his pleasure at visiting the city and his regret at being unable to be present at the actual celebration—after which a reception was held by their excellencies who were subsequently driven to the Wabash station and departed for Chatham

## DECORATIONS AND ILLUMINATIONS

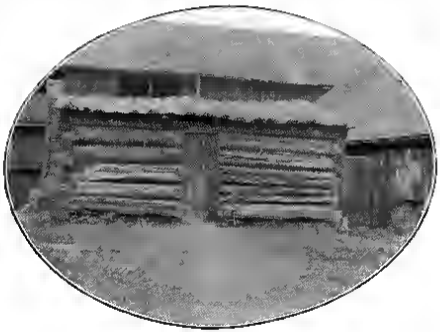
The city was tastefully decked with flags and bunting on the day of Lord Minto s visit—but not approaching in brilliancy its appearance by the 21st May when the work of the Decoration and Illumination Committees as well as of citizens in general to beautify the city was drawing to a close Both Committees

named had done their work well Never had St Thomas presented an appearance approaching in brilliancy that which it had now assumed Green foliage hid the unsightly poles along either side of Talbot Street among which flags innumerable and bunting of red white and blue the prescribed colours waved and fluttered in the gentle breezes of the glorious weather which continued throughout the Celebration from first to last Residence streets vied with one another in their desire to present a gala appearance and on some the co-operative plan was adopted with marked success both in uniformity and general attractiveness On these numberless ropes of red white and blue bannerets tastefully designed were strung across the street from end to end while Chinese lanterns hung throughout with electric lights here and there gave at night a fairy like appearance to the whole Pearl Mitchell and Kains streets may be mentioned among those which by the adoption of this system presented the most attractive appearance of the residence streets of the city But where decorations and illuminations were so general that no house in the city seemed to be without gay attire it seems invidious to particularize Arches suitably decorated and emblazoned were erected over Talbot street east in the neighbourhood of the Michigan Central station a Welcome for the Old Boys and a Welcome to Millersburg —by which name that part of the city was known in earlier days—being conspicuous A handsome arch illuminated at night by acetylene gas and a locomotive headlight spanned Metcalfe street in front of the Granite Rink where the evening entertainments in connection with the celebration were held Adjoining the Rink a Log Cabin brought from its former site in Southwold was re erected under the superintendence of Mr F Payne and placed in charge of the Ladies' Branch Historical Society who exhibited in it a variety of pioneer utensils and other articles of histor

K W McKay
Librarian Elgin Historical and Scientific Institute 1903

ical interest

Three immense devices formed of electric colored bulbs placed at suitable intervals, andsome three dozen additional arc lights with the innumerable electric and gas illuminations and chinese lanterns displayed by banks, business firms and citizens rendered Talbot Street and its decorations as brilliant by night as by day The City Hall extended an immense electric "Welcome" the Dominion Government had the facade of the handsome Post Office picked out with coloured Electric bulbs The church of the Holy Angels and the Separate School



The Log Cabin

were distinguished by handsome gas illuminations the cross on the church door presenting a beautiful effect The Wabash Grand Trunk and Michigan Central stations were both handsomely draped and illuminated Citizens generally responded loyally to the call of the Illumination as well as of the Decoration committee with the result that no part of the city—scarcely a house in fact—was without some display both by day and evening while so many were both lavishly and tastefully decked that the general effect was as has already been stated of unprecedented brilliancy

# Opening of the Celebration

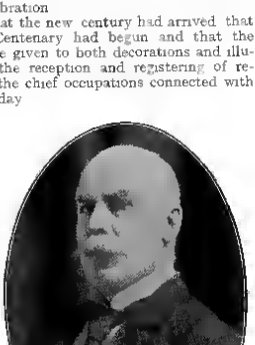
Precisely at 10 a m , May 21st the bells of the city pealed forth a joyous chorus while innumerable steam whistles of factories railway shops and locomotives swelled the volume of sound to a clamorous din which so far from maddening the hearers served to put everyone in great good humour—a state of mind which was general and continued throughout the succeeding days of the Celebration

This was the signal that the new century had arrived that the celebration of the Centenary had begun and that the finishing touches should be given to both decorations and illuminations These with the reception and registering of returning old boys were the chief occupations connected with the celebration during the day

## THE HISTORICAL BANQUET

The banquet given by the Elgin Historical and Scientific Institute to commemorate the one hundredth Talbot Anniversary day at the Grand Central Hotel was the chief event of the evening The following is the St Thomas Journal s report of the affair —

The banquet of the Historical Society at the Grand Central Hotel last night was an unqualified success If Colonel Talbot could have stepped into the spacious dining room while the feast was in progress he might easily have imagined himself



Judge Ermatinger
President Elgin Historical and Sc Inst 1903

again at the court of St James surrounded by the youth beauty and fashion of Britain The scene was certainly a brilliant one The capacity of the large hall was overtaxed to accommodate all who desired to attend

The company began to assemble shortly after eight o clock and an informal reception took place in the parlors of the hotel lasting till a quarter to ten when the doors were thrown open and the places were taken at the tables

His Honor Judge Ermatinger was in the chair On his right were in the order named Mrs J H Wilson Sir John Carling Mrs Ermatinger Talbot Macbeth London Mrs Coyne Wm B Ellison New York Mrs Jackson Rev Canon Hill Mrs Ida Moore Morris A B Ingram M P Mrs Maxwell Dr J H Wilson ex M P Mrs St Thomas Smith N W Moore Mrs N W Moore K W McKay Mrs A B Ingram Miss Moore Mrs Herbert Spencer Jabel Robinson M P Mrs F Hunt George Demare Mrs George Demare Mrs A P Campbell W Atkin W B Waterbury Dr Sidney Silcox Bruce Davis Frank Hunt J P R J Dunsmore Mrs Don Bowen Tecumseh Mich W George H McAlister Aylmer J McCausland R McLachlin Mrs E A Smith Rev Robt Ironsides Warner D D Mrs Harstone St Marys E H Caughell Henry Roe Ald Fred W Wright Mrs P Meehan Ald P Meehan Mrs S Chant S Chant ex-mayor Mrs F W Wright Finlay G Macdiarmid M P P Mrs Silcox J M Mc Cutcheon

To the left of the chairman in the order named were Mrs W B Ellison New York Mayor C F Maxwell Mrs Talbot Macbeth London Rev J A MacDonald Toronto Mrs W Atkin Mayor W S Caron Aylmer Mrs F J Payne Talbotville Wilham Risdon Rev John Morrison Springfield John F Langan Chicago W R Jackson A B Patterson Mrs MacKay J Marlatt L D Marlatt W E Idsardi E Horton D K McKenzie John Midgley ex- Mayor Miss Kathleen Gilbert J B Coyne Miss Gertrude Gilbert Alex Creelman Hamilton D H Price Aylmer James A Bell Mrs Jackson J W McKay Robert McCully ex-mayor Dr W C Vanbuskirk Ald William Trott Oscar McKenny W F Luton W Rockey James H Coyne Ed McKellar warden of the county Dr and Mrs R M Lupsey D A McLarty Mrs J E Wilson S J Crocker Miss Charlotte S Wegg H C Hindmarsh Miss Margaret A Coyne J G B Coyne Clara K Moore Miss C E Coyne Morley Pettit Miss Muriel Ermatinger A P Campbell Dr Guest Dr

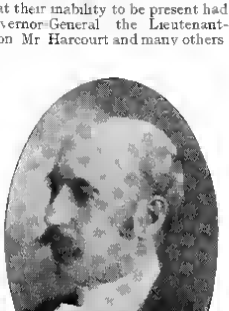
Bennett John Campbell L H Dingman H C Hocken N H Buchner John Thompson W H Murch J W Stewart and a few others

## THE TOAST LIST

There were only three toasts on the list but quite a number of addresses some of them being particularly happy

After the cloth had been removed Mr W H Murch announced that letters of regret at their inability to be present had been received from the Governor-General the Lieutenant-Governor Hon G W Ross Hon Mr Harcourt and many others

The chairman Judge Ermatinger in proposing the health of The King took occasion to extend a welcome to all present and referred to the early Talbot anniversaries It was not the fault of the committee that the banquet had been so long in starting He hoped the strangers present would remain during the whole celebration



W H Murch
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The toast was received by the singing of the National Anthem

Kenneth Finlay sang in splendid form and voice Heroes and Gentlemen

Dr Sidney Silcox the first vice-chairman, proposed the second toast Canada Fault was sometimes found with Canada that everything was so new This could not now be said of the Talbot Settlement which being 100 years old had got over being new We should all be proud of the progress and development of the country and a greater future and along better lines than in the past was in store for us What we should do is not to waste but to protect the resources of the country and not to repeat the errors made by our faithful forefathers whose good points vastly outweighed all their errors He asked the company to drink to Canada — the

country of great possibilities," which was enthusiastically done.

Senator Sir John Carling who was the first to respond to the toast, was received with cheers. He assured the company of his pleasure at being present and of the great pleasure it had given him to again visit our beautiful city. He said he was delighted with St. Thomas and he referred to the beautiful hills, ravines, roads, drives, well kept lawns and boulevards all of which charmed him and he said he would never forget his visit to St. Thomas. He was a Canadian born in Ontario, his father coming to Canada eighty four years ago and undergoing the same hardships as did the other pioneers of the Talbot Settlement. He was pleased to see so many ladies and gentlemen present to do honor to the old pioneers who had done so much for the Talbot Settlement. He could tell what the early settlers had to put up with. There were no mechanics and his father had to make him his own boots and his mother card the wool, spin the yarn, and make his clothes. He had worn nothing on his back until after he was ten years old but that which was made by his father and mother. He pictured the lack of tools and machinery to conduct farming operations in the early days and the advancement made up to the present time. Sir John here paid some little attention to Andrew Carnegie. He said that it had been said by a very foolish old man who was trying to make himself popular by scattering around his dollars that there was no future for Canada except in belonging to the United States. Carnegie was very much mistaken. Senator Carling here reviewed the events leading up to the confederation of the provinces and said that we had great men in those days who sacrificed their own private views to bring about a united Canada. He paid a high tribute to Sir John A. Macdonald. Hon. George Brown and Hon. D'Arcy McGee, and made the statement that at one time Sir John and Hon. George Brown were not on speaking terms but buried the hatchet to bring about confederation. The people of Great Britain were now looking to Canada as a source for their food supply and Canada could supply them for all time to come. Canada had a great future. He referred to what had been accomplished in the

Dr. S. Silcox,
Vice President Elgin Historical and Sc. Inst. 1903

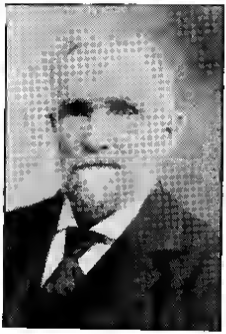
way of railroad building during the past fifty years until now we can travel from ocean to ocean in one hundred hours when in the past it took months and months to make the trip. Everything has been and is being done to open up and develop our great country from one end to the other. He referred to the vast stretches of lands in the Northwest and New Ontario being opened up and said at the present rate of railway building we would soon take a run out there to spend our holidays. These portions of Canada would furnish homes for millions of people yet unborn. No country, he said, had a more liberal system of education than Canada has and he praised the late Dr. Ryerson for what he had done for education. With the character of our people, our natural advantages and resources no country can or is advancing as rapidly as Canada is. We care not what a man's religion is, all we want to know is that he is a good subject of Canada and we are all joined together to work for the advancement of Canada which is destined to be one of the greatest countries in the world. He read statistics showing the great increase in railroad mileage and earnings, said that we ought to manufacture all we required in Canada and send a surplus to other countries, and concluded by paying a tribute to Canada's soldier boys who served in the Boer war.

Hon. Sir John Carling

Rev. J. A. Macdonald, editor of the Globe, made a brief and able speech in reply to the toast. He said we should believe in Canada's resources, believe in her wealth of mines, seas, woods and lands. We could believe in her great resources and yet not one half of a tenth part is known. But not all these could make Canada truly great, not from material wealth but from the manhood and womanhood properly trained will spring true greatness. We may be great because of our resources and enterprises, but behind all this there must be a solid manhood, independence and truth. He referred to the prosperity during the past century and said that if we all united in putting forth our best efforts and tak-

ing advantage of every opportunity that offers the progress of the past century would be as nothing to that of the coming century For Canada s sake he asked that in the new century all Canadians believe in her intelligence integrity and high ideals believe that manhood is greater than everything else and the only thing that will make a country truly great

Mr Jabel Robinson M P also replied to the toast He said we should be men and what we undertake to do do it with all our might He had first come to the village of St Thomas forty seven years ago when Judge Ermatinger s father was Mayor He spoke of his pride in being one who helped to build up St Thomas He had much to say but no time to say it and asked those present to come down to the House of Commons and listen to him some time when he had the floor



Jabel Robinson M P

Mr Henry Roe recited Canadian Volunteers

Mr J H Coyne second vice chairman proposed the last toast of the evening The Talbot Settlement and referred to the fact that the district one hundred years ago a virgin forest had been transformed into fertile lands peopled by a happy and prosperous people He mentioned a number of persons who had been born in the Talbot Settlement who had attained eminence in various walks of life

Mayor Maxwell in responding to the toast said that the banquet was a fitting opening to the Centennial Celebration As Mayor of the city he welcomed all the visitors present, and hoped that the demonstration would in every way be a pleasure to them The past century had been the most progressive in the world s history There was no doubt in regard to the future of Canada With its resources and its manhood it was bound to go ahead The twentieth century was Canada s century St Thomas led in many ways We were pioneers in municipal ownership of

waterworks in the making of good roads and in the municipal operation of our own electric street railway St Thomas he said educated the good roads man who was now educating the other municipalities how to construct good roads

Talbot McBeth K C of London expressed in the opening of his response the thanks of Mrs McBeth and himself at being invited to be present and the pleasure it had given them He was the owner of the Talbot farm on which the first tree was cut one hundred years ago It was the finest spot in the fairest section of the garden of Canada Mr McBeth threw out the suggestion that the anniversary of the Talbot Settlement should be celebrated at least every ten years and he hoped to be present on his 60th birthday to celebrate the 111oth anniversary of the Talbot Settlement

J H Coyne LL D F R S C
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Mr Kenneth Finlay sang The Maple Leaf

Warden McKellar of Elgin expressed his pleasure at being present and at seeing the city so handsomely decorated but the hour being so late asked to be excused from making a speech

Mr W B Ellison of New York a St Thomas boy who has for 23 years lived under the starry banner had not forgotten the old Talbot Settlement and was a regular yearly visitor to St Thomas There were no people who felt more kindly towards Canada than the people of the State of New York They believed that Canada was the brightest star of the British Empire The American people believed that if through age the control of the Empire passed from the Mother Country it would be taken up by her daughter Canada who would bear the white man s burden In concluding he expressed the hope that the United States

and Canada would go on hand in hand together peacefully working for the welfare of the world

Mayor Caron of Aylmer also made a happy reply in response to the toast disputing Mayor Maxwell s statement that St Thomas was the first to lead in municipal ownership He claimed that honor for Aylmer

A B Ingram M P and F G Macdiarmid M P P briefly and appropriately responded the latter as a native of Aldboro as was his father before him Auld Lang Syne was sung about two a m

F G MacDiarmid M P P

During the reception and dinner the Misses Risdon rendered a choice programme of instrumental music which was thoroughly enjoyed and added materially to the pleasure of the occasion

Among those present were a newly wedded couple from Springfield who were in the city during the entire celebration by way of a bridal tour, a happy idea that would have delighted the old man whose memory was honored

The singing of Kenneth Finlay was greatly enjoyed He was in fine voice and rendered The Maple Leaf in splendid style Henry Roe s recitation also was appropriate and well given

To quote again the writer whose words were given at the outset

The speeches as a whole were excellent The fine presence of Sir John Carling graced the table the quaint humor of Jabel Robinson M P was appreciated Mr J H Coyne s address was apt and illuminating the earnestness of Rev J A Macdonald was contagious W B Ellison of New York was inspiring Mayor Maxwell was patriotic Mayor Caron, of Aylmer was historical while the M P s and later speakers were commendably brief the genial chairman beaming over all in a benign manner

# Empire or Educational Day

FRIDAY MAY 22nd

To day was Educational or Empire Day marked in the morning by the raising of the national flag with fitting patriotic exercises at two of the public schools and the separate school the formal opening by Hon Richard Harcourt Minister of Education of the splendid new Collegiate Institute building one of the finest in the Province patriotic concerts by the school children afternoon and evening In the afternoon Mr Harcourt delivered an interesting and inspiring address upon practical phases of the educational question A feature of the evening concert was the presentation of medals to the Port Stanley life saving crew for the rescue of six sailors from the American schooner Mineral State

## THE FLAG RAISINGS

The flag raisings were interesting ceremonies attended by the Board of Education, Separate School Board local clergymen of all denominations the school children and a great company of parents and citizens The Band of the 25th Regiment furnished music The first raising was at the separate school whence the company proceeded to the Balaclava Street School and later to the Wellington Street School The two latter rank easily amongst the handsomest public schools of the province Each is surrounded by spacious well kept lawns and rows of beautiful maples At each school addresses were delivered by members of the Board of Education Mayor Maxwell and the local clergy, Protestant and Catholic and patriotic choruses were given splendid renderings by the children The Collegiate Institute opening ceremony in the afternoon was prefaced by an exhibition drill by the cadet corps They are a splendid looking company of 60 boys in a handsome uniform of blue and silver commanded by Capt M H Baker Lieut Gordon Macpherson Lieut F Marlatt Their manoeuvres reflected great credit upon the instructor Capt Jones The school and grounds were tastefully decorated and the proceedings took place on the lawn in front of the school Chairman Doggett of the Board of Education presided

MR HARCOURT'S SPEECH

Hon Mr Harcourt said it was impossible for him to speak at any length out of doors and that fact necessitated curtailment of the address he had prepared to an indication of its salient features He extended his warmest thanks to the committee for remembering him and extending him an invitation to be present on so important an occasion The celebration of the inauguration of settlement in the district he said could not have been better rounded out than by a red letter day for the schools of St Thomas for the city could not prosper unless its schools and churches prospered His visit occasioned him pleasant recollections of two former Principals of the school Rev Dr Somerville of Owen Sound who had become a prominent man in his church and a useful citizen and of Mr John Millar Deputy Minister of Education than whom no Minister ever had a more loyal or more capable executive officer Mr Harcourt referred to the magnificent school buildings of the city which he said were a credit not only to St Thomas but to the whole of Western Ontario The new collegiate institute was a model of its class It ranked among the first half dozen collegiates in the Province He had been greatly pleased to see the cadet corps, 60 strong and hoped that every one of them would some day become Captains in the King's militia Agassiz the great scientist had said his ideal was a man with the soul of a sage and the body of an athlete Mr Harcourt told the parents that they could assist the teachers by giving the boys and girls well-selected books to read He did not suggest that a boy should read many books but every boy and girl should have a few good books within reach He was hoping for the time when in every school in the Province there would be a library of well selected books Example was the greatest educational force known and in Principal Quance the boys and girls of this city had before them a brilliant example of the success in obtaining an education in the face of great difficulties Mr Harcourt complimented the collegiate institute upon the success attained in its commercial course and commented upon the tendency of secondary education towards practical ends

Other speakers were Mr D K Mackenzie Mayor Maxwell Rev Father Stanley Mr James H Coyne and Rev Canon Hill A hearty voice of thanks was passed to the Minister of Education

**The Children's Concerts,** afternoon and evening were largely attended and highly interesting programmes of patriotic songs choruses and dances were very effectively rendered They

were planned by Principal and Inspector Dr Silcox the choruses were under the direction of Prof J H Jones and the dances under the direction of Miss Moore Mrs Butler and Principal Urie

### PRESENTATION OF MEDALS

The medals presented in the evening to the crew of the Port Stanley lifeboat were of gold and were the gift of the President of the United States The inscription stated that they were presented for heroism in saving the captain and crew of the American schooner Mineral State wrecked on Lake Erie October 30 1902 The crew were Captain J Reginald Moore Wm Hough Thomas Hough Fred Pollock Frank Eveland Alonzo Taylor and Henry Cherry Captain Moore and Captain Alex Brown of the tug Gordon Brown which on the occasion in question gave substantial assistance in manning the lifeboat were each presented with a handsome gold watch and chain bearing an inscription similar to that on the medals The presentation was made by the United States Consul Col Burke and Mrs Dr Wilson pinned on the medals Rev J H Courtney replied for the crew and commented strongly on the smallness of the pay they received $21 a year each and upon the rotten condition of their lifeboat which is twenty years old

### SEPARATE SCHOOL

The band assembled at the City Hall and played The Maple Leaf Mr James Egan secretary of the Separate School Board gave an appropriate address referring to the flag that was to be raised and said he hoped the flag would long wave over us

Mayor Maxwell spoke in complimentary terms of the work of the school and said his sympathy was strongly with them to day He was sure all were pleased to be taking part in the celebration of the centennial of this settlement He impressed upon the children the progress and advancement He urged enthusiasm for school empire and everything that was noble and good He was pleased to think that the flag was likely to wave over a beautiful new school It was a palace to what they had fifty years ago and they should be proud of it But this was an age of progress and we must keep up with the age

D J Donahue K C addressed the children in his usual happy vein He was pleased to see the zeal and ambition of the Separate School Board in the hoisting of the national flag It was their anxiety to be ahead of the others that caused them to get a pole not exactly straight We were all able to unite and agree on our flag Why should it not be so? Had not the blood of Scotch English and Irish been shed to sustain that flag? We were one in every respect in raising this flag and pay

ing respect to it The speaker said one of the greatest reasons for respecting it was because it guaranteed to us the greatest liberty of speech and freedom of conscience He trusted it would be ever respected and venerated by posterity

Fred Doggett, chairman of the Board of Education expressed his pleasure at being present This was a gathering in which all could take part and meet on a common ground The flag they were about to raise today was the flag that the peace and protection of the whole world largely depended upon As chairman of the Board of Education he invited all to follow them to the subsequent flag raisings and the dedication of the Collegiate Institute

Col Burke U S Consul addressed the large gathering saying that after the Stars and Stripes, the first flag in the world he would take off his hat to was the British flag It was the symbol of defence of the defenceless and maintained equal justice to all Every boy and girl should venerate the flag If the flag of their country was insulted their first duty was to protect the honor of the flag This should be a day of inspiration to the pupils of the Separate school If they honored their flag they would be a credit not only to their community, but to their country Canada was destined to be one of the greatest nations on the face of the globe The speaker did not think Canada would ever be annexed to the United States The two nations should stand as sisters side by side and form a powerful combination between the Stars and Stripes and the Union Jack

Rev Father Stanley was warmly received He considered it an honor to give the signal for having the first flag raised over a school in St Thomas He trusted the children would long remember the occasion He urged parents not to underestimate what the schools were doing for the education and welfare of their little ones He asked the band to play The Star Spangled Banner in honor of the United States and Col Burke to be followed by the raising of the flag by four Separate school pupils amidst cheers and the singing of God Save the King

Roy Power, Edward Graney Joseph Burns and Frank O Brien were the boys chosen to raise the flag

### BALACLAVA STREET SCHOOL

The fine building in the east end was handsomely decorated with streamers strung from the central pinnacle of the school to the trees lining the sidewalks An ample platform nicely draped with flags and hunting and laden with vases of lilacs and pots of ferns made a comfortable and pretty vantage point from which the speakers addressed the large crowd of spectators and school

children The window sills of the whole front of the school were laden with flowers and foliage presenting a most attractive appearance

Principal Kerr of the school Principal McCutcheon of Myrtle street school Rev Mr Graham Rev Mr Reede, Father Stanley Lt Col McLachlin Fred Doggett chairman of the Board of Education Mayor Maxwell Ex-Mayor Chant and a number of others occupied chairs on the platform

Proceedings were opened by a chorus The Maple Leaf by the girls of Balaclava street school massed in front of the platform and they sang very sweetly and creditably in perfect unison

Rev Mr Graham then led in a brief prayer

Chairman Doggett congratulated the teachers and children of the school upon the handsome decorations He urged the scholars to strive to attain the maximum marks in the coming examinations

An essay entitled "The story of the flag" was read in a clear and correct manner by Master Andrew Taylor

This was followed by a chorus by the pupils The Union Jack of Old England led by little Miss Pauline Hall and Master Sidney Gilbert

Mayor Maxwell addressed the children and the large gathering in a speech eulogistic of the flag and the deeds of valor achieved beneath its folds in the past He referred to the late Queen Victoria and the present beloved sovereign The mayor praised the decorations and the evidences of patriotism on all sides

Miss Ethel Seburn followed with a recitation The Union Jack which was delivered in excellent style

Rev Father Stanley spoke to the assemblage briefly but in a most interesting strain His words were full of burning patriotism and full of warm approval of the unity and harmony which exists among all classes of the city His remarks were warmly received

A chorus "Red White and Blue" followed in good style

As the band played the National Anthem the flag was raised by Miss Pauline Hall and Master Sidney Gilbert As the banner fluttered to the masthead the boys of the school marched past, saluted the flag and performed manoeuvres under Capt Atkinson to the music of the 25th band

## WELLINGTON STREET SCHOOL

At Wellington street school the children were all waiting seated in rows on the lawn opposite the platform which had been erected and which was prettily draped with bunting and adorned

with evergreens On the arrival of the speakers the band the children and many from the large gathering at Balaclava street school Mayor Maxwell chairman Fred Doggett and Rev Father Stanley took seats on the platform

The school was handsomely decorated and the ample grounds were well crowded with spectators Among those on the platform were Rev Canon Hill Rev D R Drummond and Rev Dr Young Mr Doggett addressed the children and after a few patriotic remarks announced to the children that they were to have a holiday on Monday which remark was more heartily appreciated (by the children) than any other The speaker's com-

Wellington Street School

plimentary references to the handsome school were also warmly applauded

Under the leadership of Principal Urie the scholars sang in chorus The Union Jack of Old England with a great deal of vim

Mayor Maxwell took for his subject on which to address the children Our city ' The speaker proceeded in a glowing eulogy of the city and described to the children the conditions out of which a city has arisen in the past century He impressed upon the scholars the value of education and referred to the fact

that his early education had been received in the Wellington street school and that he had also taught in the same school

The singing of the The Maple Leaf Forever led by the band, was well rendered by the children at the conclusion of the mayor's remarks

Rev D R Drummond addressed the children on Our Dominion He began by relating a story which illustrated the task he had before him to speak on such a subject in a space of five minutes He urged upon the youth of our land to keep in view the wonderful possibilities of Canada He impressed upon them the fact that life is but what we make it ourselves no matter of what it is made and the Dominion would be what we made it

The Land of the Maple was sung in chorus by the pupils

Rev Dr Young's subject was Our Empire and he brought vividly before his youthful audience the wonderful forces which move the life of this twentieth century He referred to the growth of the Empire under Queen Victoria's reign Five continents contributed to the resources of the British Empire Great territory and resources did not constitute an Empire It was the flag and that which the flag represented Wherever there was a loyal submission to the British flag there was the British Empire

Rev Canon Hill spoke on 'Our Flag It was the Union Jack of England Ireland and Scotland and all Britain's colonial possessions The speaker described in a clear way the reason why the British flag is formed in the ensign which is so familiar to British subjects the world over It speaks of the three great nations now united in one great empire—the grandest the world has ever seen His address was fervently patriotic throughout and illustrated how the British flag had fostered and protected the Christian religion

Rev Father Stanley addressed the children and said that he would be brief as no doubt all would be hungry He congratulated the staff of Wellington street school for their decoration and he warmly commended the Board of Education for the interest it takes in the education of the youth

With but simple ceremony the raising of the beautiful flag was accomplished and as it reached the mast-head the breeze caught its folds and it waved in royal style

## THE COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE

Probably no one in the city deserves greater praise for the umoant and artistic beauty of decoration work done than Capt Jones of the Collegiate Institute The handsome new building was beautifully adorned inside and out

The formal opening of the new Collegiate Institute by the Hon Richard Harcourt Minister of Education for the Province of Ontario in the afternoon of May 22nd was one of the most auspicious events of the Centennial Celebration and one long to be remembered by the parents students and teachers of the city All of these were out in strong force and the handsomely decorated building and well kept grounds presented a pretty appearance by the presence of so many of the city's youth beauty and brains besides hundreds of persons who were in the city for Centennial

On the lawn to the west of the new structure the cadet corps under the command of Instructor Jones and Capt Mason Baker, were put through the various military movements The 25th Regiment Band was present and furnished excellent music

C A. Brower, M P P

In front of the building was erected a platform covered with an awning of red white and blue and on this were seated besides Fred Doggett chairman of the Board of Education who acted as chairman the following —Rev Father Stanley Frank Bennett J E Fraser, A W Graham R T Hankinson W Meek His Honor Judge Hughes D K McKenzie S Silcox F W Wright, S Dubber Mayor C F Maxwell J H Coyne J A Kilpatrick Rev Canon Hill and others

The chairman in a few well-chosen remarks concerning the new school called on S B Pocock who read letters expressing their regret at being unable to be present from J Millar Deputy Minister of Education E H Millington M C R superintendent of telegraphs Detroit Mr Seath, inspector of High Schools W Packenham principal School of Science Toronto N W Ford Toronto R W Johnson Boston Thos Leitch Hamilton J E Hodgson, High School inspector Toronto and C A Brower M P P East Elgin

S Silcox Paed **D** principal of public schools was the first speaker He congratulated the city on the fineness of the building and added that he was pleased to know the equipment and staff would be of the same quality High School work was improving This improvement started in the University was now

going on in the High Schools and would soon extend to the public schools It was just as important in the latter as in the High Schools

D K McKenzie followed in a speech which dealt principally with the development of higher education in St Thomas, the chief town of the Talbot Settlement In 1824 said Mr. McKenzie, the late Col Burwell presented the then village with a strip of land where Judge Ermatinger's residence is now located and on this was erected a frame building which was called the Seminary and was used for many years as a public school and afterwards as a Grammar School A Mr Randell was the first teacher and was succeeded by Rev Mr McIntosh The Classical School the predecessor of our Collegiate Institute was opened about 1847 by John Walker, who died here a few years ago and two or three years afterwards he was succeeded by a Mr Thompson In 1854 this school was recognized as the County Grammar School and the Rev John Fraser took charge He was followed by Rev N Burns Mr Younghusband Mr Keefer and Rev John McClure who retired in 1870 In 1865 the Public and High School boards were united and the old frame High School building removed to the west side of the Wellington street school which then consisted of only four rooms In 1870 J Somerville M A now Dr Somerville of Owen Sound was appointed High School teacher and Public School principal He was followed by Rev G Grant B A now P S I of Parry Sound In 1872 John Millar B A now Deputy Minister of Education was appointed to the dual position which he held until elevated to his present office During Mr Millar's regime the old Collegiate Institute had been erected and the school raised to the status of a Collegiate Institute On Mr Millar's departure the offices were separated and the late Mr Shepherd appointed Upon his death the present efficient principal N Quance B A was appointed Under his management the school had so grown that increased accommodation was necessary and the result is the handsome and commodious building just opened

Mr McKenzie then dealt with the growth of the school since 1869 In that year the registered attendance was 18 and the average 9, while last year's fall term the registered had been 349 and the average 315 At present there were on the roll 320 One teacher did the work in 1869 and now ten teachers and a drill master are employed Seven of the teachers are specialists in their departments The expenditure had grown from $892 in 1869 to $11 500 last year

The various positions of honor held in Canada United States Europe Australia and Africa by ex students of the Col-

legiate was taken up and Mr McKenzie said St Thomas had no need to be ashamed of the alumni of the Collegiate Institute Such results could not have been attained said the speaker unless the city possessed good public schools a department that the board had always paid particular attention to When Mr McKenzie became a member of the board in 1869 there was only one four-roomed public school and the total running expenses that year were $2 420 today there were five school buildings with 41 teachers and the cost to run them amounted to $29 500 The total number of teachers and other officials on the pay roll of the board for both Collegiate Institute and public schools is 59 The total value of the school buildings and grounds controlled by the Board of Education is about $160 000 In conclusion Mr McKenzie congratulated St Thomas on having the handsomest and best equipped schools of any city of its size in the province and trusted that their sons and daughters will in the future as in the past, go out to do their parts as Empire builders in this great Dominion

During the progress of Mr McKenzie s address Hon Mr Harcourt arrived and was received with cheers

Mayor Maxwell s speech was brief and to the point He expressed his pleasure at being present and contrasted the schools of the past and the present times Although he could not despise the work of our early schools still the history of the development of the school was the history of the development of the people The mayor also referred to the laudatory terms used by Lord Dundonald and Lord and Lady Minto towards the cadet corps and he urged the young boys to join the ranks at the first opportunity

Rev Father Stanley in a well worded address expressed his pleasure at being present and said a few words in praise of the new school He said he conveyed an expression of the hearty sympathy and co operation of the Separate School Board to the Board of Education in their efforts to embellish the minds of the youth of the country He also congratulated the school board on their magnificent public school buildings

The chairman then introduced the Hon Mr Harcourt who was received with cheers (His speech has been alread summarized )

In his closing remarks Mr Harcourt referred to the magnificently decorated streets and he rejoiced with the citizens in their progress during the past which he felt assured would continue in the future if educational matters were properly looked after

Rev Canon Hill an old schoolmate of Mr Harcourt moved a vote of thanks to him This was seconded by J H Coyne who graduated from Varsity with Mr Harcourt

The minister thanked his hearers for their kindness and then formally announced the new building open

The band played the National Anthem and the crowd dispersed

## PRESENTATION OF MEDALS

The presentation of testimonials at the Granite Rink in the evening to the Port Stanley life savers who rescued the crew of the wrecked schooner **Mineral State,** on Oct 30th last, was a pleasing feature of the Empire Day festivities in connection with the Centennial

DR. J H WILSON, ex-M P explained to the immense crowd present the reasons why the President of the United States had taken action to reward the services of the men

He was followed by Col M Burke U S Consul who said the occasion was the second during his incumbency of office here that testimonials had been presented to the Port Stanley life saving crew The first occasion was for saving the crew of the schooner Greton which foundered off Port Stanley on Nov 11 1897 and the crew after being at the mercy of Lake Erie for eight hours were rescued President McKinley had been apprised of the facts by Col Burke and the members of the life saving crew were given testimonials One of the old crew was a member of the present crew and would therefore possess two testimonials from

Dr J H Wilson ex M P P [now Senator]

the United States Government On Oct 30 1902 the schooner Mineral State laden with 620 tons of coal from Cleveland for London was wrecked off Port Stanley and the crew owing to the treacherous condition of the water were unable to reach land When about to sink the captain cut her anchor and let her drift but she went to the bottom about 100 rods from the shore The crew took to the rigging where they remained from 10 30 a m until 6 30 p m , at which time the life boat manned by the life saving crew and in tow of the tug Gordon Brown managed to reach the almost exhausted crew and after an hour s struggle the sailors were brought safely to shore

Col Burke paid a glowing tribute to the valor and bravery of Canadians as displayed by the life saving as well as by the Canadian heroes who fought in South Africa The Colonel announced that the testimonials would be presented by a daughter of Port Stanley Mrs (Dr ) J H Wilson

Mrs Wilson then presented Capt Alex Brown of the Gordon Brown and Coxswain J Reginald Moore of the life saving crew with gold watches and chains and William Hough Frank Eveland Alonzo Taylor Fred Pollock Thos Hough and Henry Cherry with medals

Mrs Wilson was the recipient of a handsome bouquet at the hands of the life-savers after an interval The bouquet had been ordered early and was delivered but became lost in the crowd for a time to the great chagrin of the men Finally it was found and presented amid loud cheering

The men were then congratulated by those on the platform Speeches befitting the occasion, were then delivered by Dr Wilson Rev J H Courteney Port Stanley and Mayor Maxwell

William Hough replied for the members of the crew expressing their gratitude to the U S Government for their testimonials

The inscription on the watch presented to Capt Brown is as follows From the President of the United States to Capt Alex Brown of the tug Gordon Brown Port Stanley Ontario in recognition of his humane service in effecting the rescue of the captain and crew of the United States schooner Mineral State wrecked off Port Stanley on October 30–1902

On the face of the watch is the American coat of arms

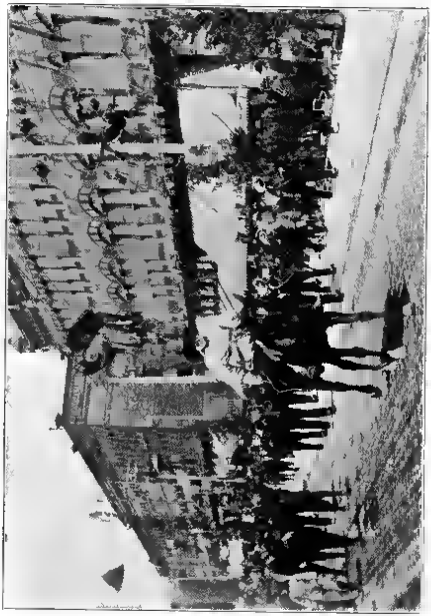
The inscription on the watch presented to Mr Moore is the same with the name changed

The badges received by Frank Eveland Alonzo Taylor Fred Pollock Thomas Hough Wm Hough and Henry Cherry bear the head of the Goddess of Liberty on the face and on the back the following inscription is engraved — Presented by the President of the United States in recognition of humane service

in effecting the rescue of the captain and crew of the United States schooner 'Mineral State' wrecked off Port Stanley on Oct 30 1902

The badges are suspended from a pendant bearing the words "E Pluribus Unum"

Both medals and watches are of 14 karat solid gold



Fingers Procession—Frank Hint Rag and Oneida Indian Band

# Pioneer Day

SATURDAY MAY 23rd

The Pioneer Procession of Saturday 23rd May was one of the chief features of the Celebration It was designed as far as possible to link the past with the present in a living chain

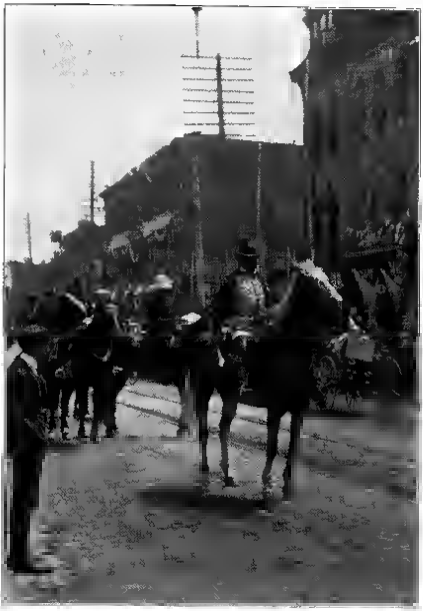
The weather was perfect and the crowd in the city enormous

Shortly after 10 o'clock the procession moved from St Andrew s market eastward headed by Frank Hunt Esq J P in pioneer costume trousers tucked in boots and an antiquated

Pioneer Procession—Indian Women (one Katie Cornelius 104 years old) on sleds

fowling piece slung over his shoulder riding a nagy clept Princess Malahide Mr Hunt had done yeoman service in organizing this parade as well as at the raising of the Log Cabin on Metcalf Street and was fully entitled to the distinction of leading the procession Behind him marched the Oneida Indian Brass

Plowing Processions Ox team



Pioneer Procession—Col Talbot (N W. Mount) and staff

Band Then came a detachment of the earliest pioneers—Indians from the Thames river reserve in all the panoply of war paint and feathers Two primitive indian sleds drawn by indian ponies each bore an aged indian woman—one of whom Katie Cornelius was 104 years old and strong enough to have cut all her last winter's firewood A boy papoose bestrode one of the ponies Two ox teams followed next in historical order one driving a truck wagon the other an ox cart both driven by white men This formed the first section of the parade which went some 15 minutes in advance of the next to allow for the slow progress of the oxen

The next section was headed by Mr N W Moore appropriately costumed to represent Colonel Talbot in blue high collared swallow tail with brass buttons flowered and gilt thread

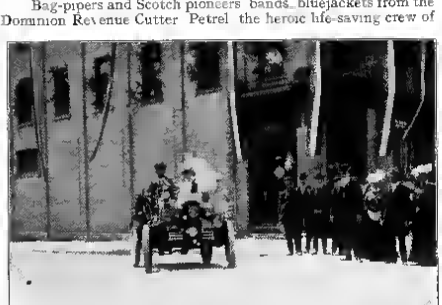
Pioneer Procession - Floral Section - Bridal Carriage

ed waistcoat white hat nankeen breeches booted and spurred and astride a handsome chestnut horse In his party rode as aides Captain Fisher of Glanworth in cavalry uniform and Quarter Master Caughell while Miss Fitzgibbon in long riding habit rode her favorite mare and Captain Atkinson in old fashioned costume with Miss Cochrane on a pillion behind represented becomingly a couple travelling in the manner of the early days Other horsemen and carriages of antiquated styles followed and seated in the latter were among others Daniel Drake the oldest inhabitant of St Thomas born here aged 84 Mr Collins Handy

Highgate 92 earliest mail carrier between St Thomas and Malden JohnBrown of Port Talbot who came out from England with Colonel Talbot on one of his trips and was employed by him Thomas Calcott of St Thomas aged 85 and George Kerr of St Thomas aged 86

It would be impossible to specify within reasonable space all the interesting features and contrasts of the four sections into which the procession was divided

Bag-pipers and Scotch pioneers bands bluejackets from the Dominion Revenue Cutter Petrel the heroic life-saving crew of



Pioneer Procession—Close of the Century

Port Stanley city and railway fire brigades with early and modern appliances floral bedecked carriages and many other objects of interest some humorous some beautiful in appearance followed in the long parade

A beautiful flower decked white carriage drawn by four milk white steeds containing a youthful couple (Miss Alma Worth and Master R Lionel Dunsmore) presented an interesting bridal spectacle followed by a carriage full of small bridesmaids and pages—while an ancient courting gig presented the requisite historical contrast

Bicyclists many with decorated wheels and headed by a

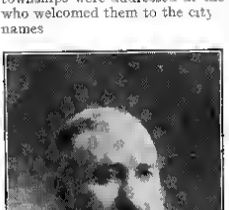
number of the ministers of the city, followed by a succession of **fin de siecle** automobiles, brought to conclusion the "Progress of the Century"—the most extraordinary historical parade which the Talbot Settlement has ever witnessed or probably shall until the next Centenary

Dr F Guest, on a handsome mount, acted as Chief Marshal of the procession

# Cairn Erected and Park Opened

REPRESENTATIVES OF TOWNSHIPS IN TALBOT SETTLEMENT PLACE STONES IN POSITION

The afternoon festivities in connection with the Pioneer Day celebration of the Centennial were divided between several attractions At Pinafore Park a large crowd assembled to witness the erection of a cairn representing the Talbot Settlement Prior to leaving for the Park the representatives of the different townships were addressed at the City Hall by Mayor Maxwell, who welcomed them to the city The following registered their names



Edward McKellar
Warden of Elgin

Edward McKellar warden Elgin County E H Suffell reeve Vienna C E Locke councillor Yarmouth J R Gow councillor Dunwich W Tolmie reeve Aldborough W J Lindsay reeve Malahide J W Matthews Malahide C O Ermatinger St Thomas J S Wooley reeve South Dorchester Geo H Shepherd Yarmouth William Grant Bayham Geo A Gilbert Yarmouth A P McDougald clerk Ekfrid Frank Hunt ex-reeve Southwold M W Fisher Glanworth James H Coyne, St Thomas W C Caughell clerk Yarmouth Isaac Turrill Yarmouth C A Chase reeve Yarmouth A A McKillop, ex Warden, of Dunwich, H G Mills collector Yarmouth Charles M Caughell, Colchester North M Campbell clerk Southwold H Watson, clerk Orford

Arriving at the park and before proceeding with the erection of the rockery Mayor Maxwell in a neat speech formally named the park "Pinafore" and declared it open

The 25th Regiment band then rendered "Rule Britanna" and "The Maple Leaf"

Ald Guest chairman of the Pioneer Committee then called on the representatives of the townships and the stones were

Judge Ermatinger and Dr Hartlett Treasurer placing Records and Coins in Cairn Contractor G A Pomford in foreground

placed in position on the raised mound in the order that the townships had been settled as follows Dunwich Southwold Yarmouth Malahide Aldborough Bayham Dorchester Westminster Orford Howard Harwich Raleigh Tilbury Romney Colchester Mersea Gosfield Rochester Sandwich Maidstone London Houghton Middleton Lobo Caradoc Ekfrid Mosa and Zone

Surmounting all these stones was a large one bearing the inscription "Erected at the Centennial celebration of the Talbot Settlement 1903" This was placed in position by Mayor Maxwell Warden McKellar Judge Ermatinger and Jas H Coyne

Chairman Guest then called on the following for addresses J H Coyne first president Elgin Historical Society J R Gow

reeve of Dunwich W Pranglin reeve of Southwold Frank Hunt C A Chase reeve of Yarmouth W J Lindsay reeve of Malahide Capt Fisher of Glanworth J Woolley reeve of Dorchester W Tolmie reeve of Aldborough Reeve Webster of Orford His Honor Judge Ermatinger Finlay G Macdiarmid M P P West Elgin and Ald Chant

The band then played God Save the King

The cairn or monument has since been made permanent and enduring the stones with other boulders being embedded in a solid mound of concrete with a foundation three feet deep Within has been enclosed a metal lined box containing copies of the official Programme of the Celebration newspapers containing accounts of the Celebration Canadian coins etc

This small monument will be an object of increasing interest to each succeeding generation who shall ask their fathers in time to come saying What mean ye by these stones? (Josh 4-6) —and the answer will be that they are a memorial of the passing not of the Jordan but of the first century of the Talbot Settlement whose townships the stones typify

## MATCH AT THE OPENING OF THE NEW ATHLETIC GROUNDS

At four o clock Saturday afternoon Mayor Maxwell pronounced the new athletic grounds at the foot of East street open to the public and then the lacrosse teams of St Thomas and London faced each other in a battle for supremacy The contest proved to be a very one sided affair as the score—12 to 0—would indicate The St Thomas boys lost because their combination work would not score goals for them and they could not prevent the wearers of the gold and purple from tallying

Umpire—W J Young Rodney

About 1 500 people witnessed the game

## OCTOGENARIAN LADIES' TEA

A very interesting though somewhat pathetic sight was the tea given in the Granite Curling rink on Saturday afternoon Thirty five old ladies accepted the invitation of the ladies of the Elgin Historical Society and seemingly enjoyed the splendid repast that had been prepared for them Some were so feeble as to be hardly able to walk some walked with the aid of crutches and some were taken to the rink in invalid chairs They wore the old-fashioned hats bonnets shawls and gowns One lady wore a shawl bought ten years before Queen Victoria was born Mrs Lynch wore a dress that she purchased in a store at the bottom of Blackwood s hill sixty years ago Among those present were Mrs McPherson (nee Catharine McGugan), born in New

Glasgow Aldborough now living in Wardsville 82 next September

Mrs Wm Coyne (nee Christina Patterson) born near Eagle in 1822 18th of May 81 years of age now living in St Thomas

Mrs Samuel Burwell (nee Eliza Crandall) born and still lives in Fingal 72 years of age one of the earliest settlers of this county

Mrs Wm Martin (nee Nancy R Duncombe) born in Middleburg Schoharie County N Y April 10 th 1819 84 years of age

Mrs Amariah Sutton (nee Jane Sharon) born on the Back Street, Elgin county, 18th May age 83

Mrs Wm Otis Lynch (nee Jane Rogers) born in Longford Ireland now lives in Yarmouth 3 miles from St Thomas age 84 This lady was a distinguished guest at the tea owing to the fact that she wore a dress and yellow silk shawl which were bought by her mother before Queen Victoria was born

Mrs John Mason (nee Isabella Wade) born in Putney 4 miles from London Eng now living in Port Stanley age 83

Mrs Philip Green (nee Mary Sells) born on the Back Street Elgin County age 82

Mrs Henry Wilcox (nee Phoebe Smith) born in Talbotville lives in St Thomas age 81

Mrs David Parish (nee Louise Ferrin) born in Hamburg, 9 miles from Buffalo age 81

Mrs John King (nee Elizabeth Teetzel) born in Southwold near Fingal age 82 living in St Thomas

Mrs Nathaniel Vail (nee Mary Tuck) born in the State of Maine brought up in St John New Brunswick age 82

Mrs Thomas Higley (nee Francis Lane) born in Hambleton Buckinghamshire now living in St Thomas age 83

Ruth C Nicholls born in Digby Nova Scotia living in St Thomas Bible Worker Seventh Day Adventist age 83

Mrs John Elliott (nee Margaret Reeve) born in Dumfriesshire Scotland now living in St Thomas age 86

Mrs Patrick Brady (nee Bridget Doyle) born in Ireland County Meaford home in St Thomas age 84

Mrs John Heard (nee Susanna Grace Taylor) born in Brixham near Torquay, England in George III s reign settled near Peterborough in 1833 came to St Thomas 50 years ago in 1853 and settled upon the lot on which she still lives on Scott street

Miss Anne Jones born in Yarmouth 3 mils from St Thomas, home now in city age 85

Mrs Watson Parker (nee Rebecca Brown) born 20 miles

Mrs Sutton, Mrs King, Mrs Parker, Mrs Parish Mrs Coyne Mrs Mason Mrs Vail Mrs Stafford Mrs Young

Mrs Higley Mrs Lynch Mrs Martin Mrs Mann Mrs W Luton Mrs Wilcox, Mrs Miller

Old Ladies in Rink

from Amherst Nova Scotia lives in Union age 89

Mrs Dr Wallen (nee Sarah Coburn) born in Grimsby drew land from Col Talbot when 2 years old lives in Blenheim age 80

Mrs John Sells (nee Maria Leonard) born in New York State lives in Michigan at present age 83

Mrs H P Hopkins (nee Cynthia Anne Phillips) born in Ohio now in city age 84

Mrs Horace Brotherhood (nee Jane Ross) born in Glengarry Upper Canada now in city age 80

Mrs Stafford (nee Elizabeth Wise) born in Argyleshire Scotland home here age 83

Mrs Wallace home now here age near 80

Mrs Lewis (nee Minnie Peters) born in Upper Canada 20 miles this side of Kingston age 83 lives in St Thomas

Mrs Thos Young (nee Anna Wilson) age 79

Mrs Wm Forsyth (nee Elspeth Hutchinson) born in Elgin Scotland lives in St Thomas age 81

Mrs John Wilhams (nee Amy Best) born in Southwold where she still lives age 82

Mrs Wm Luton (nee Eliza Crane) born in Malahide now lives in Mapleton age 80

Mrs W Evely (nee Grace Breyley) born in Malahide age 87

Mrs Jacob Deo (nee Mary Ann Oakes) born in New Sarum where she still lives age 86

Mrs Geo Mann (nee Melinda Millar) born in St Thomas still lives here age 81

Mrs Wm Dodson (nee Elizabeth Tweed) born in County Antrim Ireland lives in Talbotville at present age 89

Mrs Andrew Millar (nee Mary Penhale) born in Devonshire Eng lives two miles from St Thomas age 81

## WELCOME TO OLD BOYS AND GIRLS

The welcome to old boys at Metcalfe street rink on Saturday night was attended by a large crowd The 25th Regiment band played a capital program and Dr Guest presided over the gathering with excellent judgment The entertainment varied from the band music to speeches of welcome by Mayor Maxwell and Dr Guest an eloquent response by Mr W B Ellison of New York and an exhibition of trick bicycle riding by Champion Grant of Toronto who did some marvelous feats from Indian war dance corn dance bear dance social dance and snake dance to an excellent speech by Chief Levi Doxtater of the Oneida Reserve Then the old fashioned spinning wheels operated by

Mrs St Thomas Smith and Mrs Payne were watched with interest and Miss McLean worked the old hand loom which was made by the late Abraham Waugh of Shedden from wood cut on his farm in Southwold The log cabin was a point of interest visited by many at 5 cents per head Little Prepa Armstrong danced the Highland Fling to Piper Smith s bagpipe music and had to respond to an encore and Squire Hunt told of pioneer experiences when neighbors helped each other at barn raisings husking bees and apple parings when there was very little money and the magistrates had to be paid for marrying couples with $2 worth of syrup ashes or beeswax He told of a man named Brown who was married by Colonel Burwell The bridal couple went to the Col seated on a single horse were married paid their beeswax mounted again and started for home On the way the impatient Brown turned his head round to kiss his bride was taken with a crick in the neck and never got it straight again He was ever afterknownas Wry Neck Brown'

(Great laughter)

Mrs St Thomas Smith
Curator Elgin Historical and Sc Inst

Mr Ellison s speech held close attention as he told of the success of Canadian boys and Elgin county boys in the United States They were in demand particularly in banking circles but wherever he had met them in different parts of the States they were an honor to their country He was glad to return to the scenes of his boyhood and said there was something wrong with a man who did not want to visit his old home

The Indians who danced were Kayenthoke whose name in English is Abram K Schuyler Oyagawa (Anthony Day) Yoawanoudaka (William John) Shotojvapa (Peter Silver) Sogova

quas (a little boy whose English name was not secured) Kwiter Karishamoron (Nicholas Nicholas) Showaton (Isaac Summers) Reni Keyaisarbele (Albert Chrisjohn) Skahronhatis (Daniel Nicholas), and Tala (William Doxtater)

Chief Levi Doxtater made a speech abounding in good sense and good suggestions, a speech which would have done credit to any member of Parliament He explained that the Indians who had taken part in the dances were good prosperous farmers and had dressed themselves in the style of their forefathers of a hundred years ago as a means of illustrating the progress that had been made Anthony Day was over 70 years old and was as active in his movements as a man of 40 He had seen Col Talbot in person He spoke of an old lady aged 104 who was in the day's procession and another aged 96 The latter had cut her own wood and cooked her own food last winter and earned her living by making baskets The Indians of 100 years ago lived on fish and bear meat and corn bread Their clothing was anything they could get to cover them His (Mr Doxtater's) grandfather had run all night carrying the mails The speaker reviewed Indian history and told of the confederation of five tribes who had been at war but had got together and pledged themselves to stand by each other in the interest of peace David W Williams was a farmer in comfortable circumstances who lived in his own good brick house and was respected by the business people of St Thomas and London Mr Doxtater thought the Indians were doing well considering their opportunities and he hoped the time would soon come when they would be considered worthy to be enfranchised and take their place alongside the white men—when they would not be set apart on reservations but be allowed to own their farms and have a voice in the government of the country He thanked the Missionary Society for the benefits of their schools and for

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their exertions for the improvement of the Indians

The Chief's speech was listened to with eager interest and loud applause followed it

Mayor Maxwell said a few commendatory words and thanked Mr Doxtater for his excellent address

Dr Guest added a few words of appreciation and the entertainment closed with the National Anthem

There was great cheering when Frank Hunt escorted the aged Indian lady to the centre of the arena

Mrs Payne proved herself to be an expert with the old fashioned spinning wheel

His Honor D J Hughes Senior Judge of Elgin himself a resident of the settlement for some 67 years and of St Thomas since fifty years ago when he was appointed the first Judge of the County of Elgin was invited to address the assembled Old Boys upon this memorable occasion but being indisposed did not appear His non-appearance was regrettable as the occasion was appropriate the attendance large and enthusiastic and the evening fine

# Centennial Sunday

**MAY 24th**

The 10th Royal Grenadiers of Toronto and the 24th Kent Infantry of Chatham were the two visiting regiments which with the 25th Elgin Infantry and the Collegiate Institute Cadets formed the Military Brigade at the Celebration

The Grenadiers arrived by two special trains at 1 and 1 30 Sunday morning and at once went into the camp already prepared for them on the beautiful camp grounds at Pinafore Park

Services and sermons appropriate to the occasion were looked for at all the city churches and when the brigade (without the 24th which did not arrive from Chatham until the evening) marched into and up Wellington street each corps headed by its fine bands—large congregations were already flocking to all the churches

PATRIOTIC SERMONS WERE PREACHED AND PATRIOTIC MUSIC SUNG TO LARGE CONGREGATIONS

## TRINITY CHURCH—BISHOP BALDWIN

Large congregations attended the services in Trinity Church on Sunday when his Lordship Bishop Baldwin preached two very appropriate sermons The morning service was attended by four companies and bugle band of the Royal Grenadiers under command of Major Meyers Adjutant C N Shanly and about forty five members of the Collegiate Institute cadet corps in charge of Drill Instructor T H Jones Adjutant George Stacey of the local battalion also accompanied the Grenadiers The military bearing of both corps was splendid and flattering remarks were heard on all sides

In the morning Bishop Baldwin referred to the many wonderful changes that had taken place in the Settlement since Col Talbot felled the first tree That these changes were advances along higher lines was wholly due to the fact that those who have gone before us were men and women who had the fear of God before their eyes were industrious sons and daughters of toil and were loyal to their country and their God

Many of these old families had passed away since his first visit to this city forty three years ago and among the most honored of those still living was David J Hughes who has been judge of Elgin County for fifty years and whose noble face he was

pleased to notice among his congregation Speaking particularly to the Grenadiers the Bishop said he felt the deepest interest in them because they came from a city in which he spent his early days and also because their honorary chaplain was his own brother A real soldier said the Bishop is one who has overcome himself

In the evening His Lordship preached the annual sermon to the Sons of England lodges Chester No 18 and Truro No 62 being both well represented His Lordship preached an eloquent discourse

Speaking directly to the Sons of England he said it gave him great pleasure to speak to a society which represented grand old England and he wished to encourage them in their work of love and charity England stands for liberty and all that is right and good

In concluding the Bishop said the world was not waiting for more wealth nor an increase of her forces but was patiently awaiting the coming of the King who will be the only Solver of this world's great problems

## HOLY ANGELS—FATHER STANLEY

At Holy Angels Church on Sunday chairs had to be placed in the aisles so great was the attendance at both services At high mass Rev Father Stanley reviewed the history of the Catholic Church in the Talbot Settlement He pointed out that when the Neutral tribe of Indians flourished here the first missionaries to attempt their evangelization were two Jesuit priests sent from Montreal in 1639 namely Fathers Brebeouf and Chaumonot They traversed the Indian trail since known as Talbot street from Brantford to Windsor preaching as they went The nearest village to St Thomas they named Our Lady of the Holy Angels hence the name of this Church and parish The Indian fort or village beyond Fingal they called St Alexis The Neutrals refused the gospel Ten years later they were destroyed by the Five Nations tribe of New York State In 1670 two Sulpician priests Dollier and Galinee passing westward wintered at Port Dover where they set up a cross affixing thereto the arms of the King of France with an inscription claiming possession of the country by right of discovery for christianity and for France halted a short time at Port Stanley where they celebrated mass —the very first Christian worship in this whole region—and proceeded along shore till Detroit River was reached They were accompanied by the famous explorer La Salle the discoverer of the Ohio River The next white man to skirt the Erie shore was Father Hennepin in 1679 His sketch of Niagara Falls is the

oldest in existence In 1803 came the Talbot Settlement, and the gradual but gratifying growth of Catholicity therein

The procession to the Catholic cemetery at 3 p m was imposing the school children leading headed by the 25th Regt band followed by fraternal and other societies and members of the congregation On arriving there hymns being sung Rev Father Stanley mounted the platform and led the multitude in prayer all kneeling on the green sward after which he delivered a feeling address In the evening he lectured on Good Literature warning his hearers against the reading of the sensational trashy, unchaste papers novels and magazines now flooding the land

The music was under the able direction of Mr W P Reynolds of London and was excellently rendered

KNOX CHURCH —REV D R DRUMMOND

Rev D R Drummond addressed the officers and men of the 25th Regiment as well as an immense congregation at the morning service in Knox Church Sunday The body of the church was entirely filled the soldiers occupying the front seats The gallery was also thrown open and was filled Mr Drummond delivered an excellent discourse based upon Deut 8 2, and the 1st verse of the 12th chapter of Romans dwelling also upon the words of Psalm 1 16 The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places yea I have a goodly heritage The speaker urged the duty of remembering the blessings of the past and how much the present owes to the past It was memory that made men He emphasized the value of memory to which all other faculties are subservient and on which they are dependent In passing the speaker paid a warm tribute to the sterling qualities of the early pioneers to whom the younger generations were indebted for the advantages and institutions of today and for their own inherent qualities of worth He briefly referred to the wonderful development of Canada during the past century and the natural resources which have been developed In paying a tribute to the military powers of Canada Mr Drummond said we had no desire to be known as a land of fighters but did desire to be able and ready to fight whenever it became necessary It was a Canadian boy upon whose breast was placed the first Victoria Cross He was pleased that Knox Church had been chosen as the place of worship for the day of the soldier boys of our own city He closed by urging them if they wanted to render their country patriotic service to cultivate their own manhood and the Christian virtues

A number of visiting Old Boys were present one of whom Wm McIlroy occupied his old place in the choir Lieut

Spencer of Simcoe was also present in uniform among his former fellow officers

The choir sang very acceptably, Miss Lottie Scott taking the solo part in the anthem Miss Scott also sang Lead kindly Light and Mr Kenneth Finlay sang very impressively The Holy City The services throughout, were most enjoyable

CENTRAL METHODIST —REV. H W CREWS

The people of the Central Methodist Church had the interior of their place of worship handsomely decorated with flags and flowers Sunday and had the gratification of the presence of the Right half of the Royal Grenadiers Regiment of Toronto at the morning service Col Stimson also attended service there The pastor Rev H W Crews preached a thoughtful sermon, a retrospect of the century—the progress from the ox cart the sickle and the flail to the self-binder the railroad and the automobile—from the log cabin such as that on Metcalfe street to the palatial residences of today Had it not been for the sturdy pluck of the men and women who lived in the log cabins we would not have had the advantages and comforts we enjoy today He welcomed the visiting soldiers to the church and hoped their visit to the city would be pleasant The musical service rendered by the choir included the anthems A Dream of Paradise (Rodney) and Christian the Morn Breaks Sweetly O er Thee (Shelley) with solos by Mrs Dempster Miss Hicks Messrs De Carteret and Ley all well sung Mrs Dempster also sang the solo Two Angels with violin obligato beautifully played by Miss Gertrude Huntley With a finely judged accompaniment by Mrs Stacey the ensemble was excellent and most pleasing While the congregation was assembling Mrs Stacey played The Maple Leaf and during the entrance of the soldiers gave DeKoven's setting of Kipling's Recessional The school room was thrown open and the building was completely filled

In the evening there was another large congregation and Mr Crews preached a prospective sermon outlining what he believed we might expect during the century to come He believes we will have much swifter means of transportation than the railroad speed of 60 or 70 miles an hour that trolleys will radiate in all directions so that the congestion of the cities will be obviated by business men riding out to the suburbs to live that alcohol will be burned for fuel which he hoped would be the case for it would be better to burn it than drink it we will be better fed and suffer less from dyspepsia bacteriologists would hunt out and destroy the deadly microbe the great discrepancy between the rich and poor will disappear, we will have more demo

cratic ideas and government of the people by the people for the people will come to pass he predicted municipal ownership of public utilities as the rule and said bribery which was due to indifference would be stamped out Science which had been made a means of beclouding Christianity was now endorsing it and would do so more and more and more creed divisions would disappear men would try to save each other instead of seeking to damn each other. There would be believed be a reign of love which would continually generate fresh impulses for good

## FIRST METHODIST —REV DR YOUNG

In the First Methodist Church Sunday night Rev Dr Young preached on Monuments from the text what mean ye these stones? from Joshua 4 6 After a reference to monuments in general Dr Young spoke of the cairn erected at Pinafore Park and proceeded to describe the conditions which made possible the progress and advancement of the century The Doctor attributed these to noble ambition with persistence education and religion He said if I had the forming of the procession Saturday I would have had in it a representation of the old pioneer school teacher who taught for $10 a month and boarded around We are indebted to him more than we think I would also have placed in the procession a representation of the old pioneer preacher with his saddle bags

During the service the choir sang Kipling s Recessional Mrs Christmas doing the solo part Percy Newcombe rendered a solo and Miss Winnie Graham and Mr Walter Norsworthy gave a duet

# Victoria Day

**MAY 25th**

## MILITARY PARADE

The marchout of the visiting regiments Monday morning was witnessed by thousands of people The brigade was to have been in charge of Lt -Col Peters D O C No 1 district but owing to his being taken suddenly ill on Sunday morning he could not come and Lt Col McLachlin commander of the 25th regiment as senior officer took command of the brigade Major Mason of

Camp at Pinafore Park

the Grenadiers acted as brigade major and Capt Teetzel as orderly officer The streets were packed with people all along the route of march and the brigade made a fine appearance The Grenadiers with their black busbies the neat looking 24th Kent our own white helmeted 25th clean and spruce and the soldierly cadets all marched well and looked well The route of march was a long one and the visiting soldiers must have thought that St Thomas was a city of magnificent distances Before it was

concluded some of the Grenadiers had to drop out and others were overcome at the armouries where the brigade drew up after taking a rest while the formal opening of the armoury was in progress

## THE OPENING OF THE ARMOURY

The new armoury of the 25th regiment was formally opened the proceedings commencing at 11 a m The visiting soldiers with the 25th and Cadets were drawn up in rear of the armoury and there was also present a large number of citizens

The speaking took place from the balcony over the entrance

25th Regiment and Armouries

Mayor Maxwell presided and in opening the speechmaking said that now that the 25th regiment had such very comfortable and efficient quarters the people could look to greater efficiency in the regiment even than in the past He believed in encouraging the military sentiment We had lived through a peaceful period and we should thank the Mother Country for her protection We had not had a large military establishment He thought that a competent man should be kept in every district and well paid to keep the militia in an efficient state When we required the military it was like the need of a physician—they

were required quick The commander of every military district should attend to military duties alone, so that all the militia would be well-trained and able to protect their own and the lives dependent upon them The 25th has now a splendid lecture hall and armoury in which to prepare themselves He welcomed the Grenadiers and 24th Kent regiment, and expressed the hope that better facilities would be afforded in the future to the militia of Canada

Mr Jabel Robinson M P, said that the British soldiers had succeeded in giving us the greatest empire the world had ever seen He was sure that they would do their duty, if called upon We lived in times of peace but we did not know how long there would be peace and our young men should be drilled in the art of war The principal thing was to learn to shoot and hit the target He was proud to see the young men interested themselves in military matters

A B Ingram M P

Col Stimson of the 10th Royal Grenadiers was received with cheers He hoped to be a soldier but said he was not much of a speaker He thanked the citizens of St Thomas and the committees for the kindness shown the Grenadiers The best caterer they ever had and the best of weather had been provided He thanked the citizens again for their kind treatment

Mr A B Ingram, M P expressed his pleasure in being present to take part in opening the grand armoury He believed it would do much to perfect the 25th regiment He had always taken an active interest in the Cadets a corps of which the city was proud In a few years the boys will take the place of the militia The Cadet corps form the nucleus for the permanent military force of the country Since the South African war the tactics of military warfare have changed What we want now is men who can shoot, not as in olden times form a square and prepare for the charge of cavalry He regretted that he had not a military training so as to enable him to discuss the matter in military terms and as it should be discussed He complimented

the officers and visiting soldiers on their conduct so far and hoped that nothing would occur to mar their visit and that they would return some day to pay us another visit

Lt -Col J B Rankin of the 24th Kent regiment was received with cheers by his corps and others He expressed the hope that the Talbot Settlement would continue to grow and prosper, so that at the next centennial this district would be many times as populous and prosperous as it was at the present time He thought even with so many festivities that it would be wrong not to open the armoury The Colonel closed his address with a well told little story

Dr J H Wilson ex-M P said that Canadians were not only capable of developing this grand country but of providing for the army the best soldiers the world could produce The militia of Canada were ever ready to sacrifice themselves for the benefit of their country The Doctor also recommended that every soldier should learn to shoot and referred to the South African war when Canadians tumbled over each other to get enlisted in the service and when they did get to South Africa they made a record in the field that opened the eyes of the world to Canada Their capture of Cronje had virtually settled the war He referred to the magnificent armoury now owned by the city which he had fought industriously for While it was needed to perfect the soldiers he hoped the occasion would never arise when they would be called upon to sacrifice their lives in defence of their country He paid a high compliment to the Collegiate Cadets and pointed out the benefit derived from the drill and instruction received in the Cadet Corps

Judge Ermatinger said that the soldiers wanted to get to their dinners (Loud cheers from the soldiers ) He congratulated the three militia regiments and the Collegiate Cadets on their smart appearance

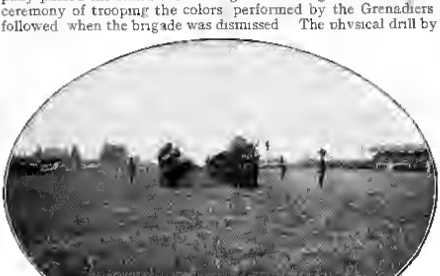
Lt -Col McLachlin commanding officer of the 25th regiment said that 100 years ago this district was opened by a soldier and he thought it fitting that this building should be formally opened at this time He declared the building formally opened and asked all to come and inspect it

Col Rankin proposed cheers for the 25th regiment and Cadets and Mayor Maxwell three cheers for the Grenadiers and 24th Kent which were heartily given

Three cheers were given for the King and then the crowd flocked in to inspect the armoury

## THE AFTERNOON PARADE.

At 2 p m the brigade assembled on the western part of the park, and with Col McLachlin as chief officer fired a feu de joie Then the troops marched past in open column and close column, the Grenadiers leading the 25th next and the 24th following, while the Collegiate cadets brought up the rear As during the street parade the cadets marched more perfectly than the redcoats All the troops, however marched well and as each company passed the stand there was great cheering The beautiful ceremony of trooping the colors performed by the Grenadiers followed when the brigade was dismissed The physical drill by



Firing Feu de joie

a picked squad of the Grenadiers was the most enjoyable spectacle of the afternoon and aroused great enthusiasm as the clocklike movements of the athletes kept time to the music of the band The fancy drill of the Canton of uniformed Oddfellows under Capt Squance with their beautiful uniform, was excellently done and aroused immense plaudits

After that the baseball match followed

Having had supper the Grenadiers broke camp at 8 o clock and marched by way of Talbot street to the Grand Trunk station the band playing and the men singing "Rule Britannia" to the delight of the thousands upon thousands of spectators who lined the streets Cheers were given by the Grenadiers for St

Grenadiers Trooping the Colors

Thomas as they passed down the street and in this connection it is gratifying to state that the Toronto visitors expressed their perfect satisfaction with the treatment accorded them here in every respect They were given a great send-off at the station

## EVENING CONCERT.

A concert was given at night at the Granite Rink by the 25th regimental band which was fairly well attended The band rendered a fine programme in their usual good style Dr Guest made a few remarks and the postponed bicycle races were completed There were six entries in the bicycle race which was won by Gordon Foote Mr Grant gave an exhibition of fancy and trick bicycle riding

# Ontario Historical Society Meeting

On Wednesday 3rd June the above Society met in the handsome and spacious Court Room of the Court House in St Thomas The President C C James in the chair Geo R Pattullo Woodstock Vice President David Boyle Secy Col E B Edwards K C Peterboro Mrs J H Thompson and Alfred Wilson Toronto being among the officers and councillors of the Society present together with a large number of members and delegates

The afternoon session was taken up chiefly by the reading of the Secretary s and Treasurer s reports and the reports of the various affiliated societies after which an adjournment was made to the Room of the Local Society in the Court House where the Curator Mrs St Thomas Smith had arranged the Museum and Library of the Institute for inspection After registration of the names of the Visiting officials members and delegates they were treated by the Elgin Historical and Sc Institute to a trip over the City Electric Railway to Pinafore Park and around the Beltline visiting the Centennial Cairn at the Park and the City Hall en route

The register showed the following members were present at the meeting

George R Pattullo Woodstock Oxford Historical Society
Justus A Griffin Hamilton Wentworth Historical Society
Miss E J Chandler Belleville Ont
James Egan London
C O Ermatinger Elgin
Alfred Wilson York Pioneer Society Toronto
Judge R S Woods Chatham
Robt I Warner St Thomas, Canadian Methodist Historical Society
Mrs C Fessenden Wentworth
E B Edwards Peterborough
Judge Robb Norfolk
H H Robertson Wentworth
Thos Conant Oshawa
Jas H Coyne St Thomas
Joshua Adams Sarnia
Miss Margaret F Allan Bowmanville
Miss M E Riddell Bowmanville

Dr W P Campbell Jas Egan C E Leonard Miss Priddis London

The St Thomas lady members present were

Mrs J H Wilson president of Women s Auxiliary Mrs St Thomas Smith Curator of local society Mrs N W Moore Mrs J T C Finlay Miss Travers Mrs Silcox secretary local society Women s Auxiliary Mrs Ermatinger 2nd vice president Charlotte S Wegg assistant secretary Mrs S Burns

## ADDRESSES OF WELCOME

At the evening session extempore addresses of Welcome were delivered by Alderman Luton for the Mayor of St Thomas who was absent in Toronto and Warden McKellar for the County Council of Elgin who adjourned for the occasion after which Judge Ermatinger President of the local Society read an address as follows

Mr President and the Members of the Ontario Historical Society

In bidding you welcome on behalf of the Elgin Historical and Scientific Institute I was told I should follow established usage in committing to writing what I might have to say

Your Society meets for the first time in the centre of what was long known as the Talbot Country– a country not wanting in interest to the antiquarian and the historian

To morrow if the weather be propitious you will have an opportunity of visiting and inspecting the spot where the remains of an ancient entrenchment or fortified village of the aboriginal inhabitants still exists after the lapse of centuries in a form it is said as well if not better preserved than any found elsewhere in this Dominion

You will then at a distance of only some three miles thence be able to visit and personally inspect thespot where the founder of this prosperous settlement began his work of introducing what we call civilization in this region by felling the first tree and establishing his home at Port Talbot

Just four years ago I had the honour of calling the attention of the members of our Institute and the public to the then approaching Centennial anniversary of that event and without further trespassing on your time by detailing what is already set forth I believe in our formal report to your Society I may say the inhabitants of the district have recently participated with many brothers and sisters from abroad in a five day celebration commencing on the anniversary day 21st May with a unanimity a liberality and a success extremely gratifying to all our people and especially so to the members of our Institute

who suggested it, and to which it is hoped your meeting here will form a fitting climax

I may say that the 21st May was from 1817 to 1838 or thereabouts marked by a festival held here except for the last couple of years when it was held in London, under the name of the Talbot Anniversary as a personal tribute to Colonel Talbot by the settlers —while our recent Centennial Celebration was held in honour of all the Pioneers the Colonel included, who not only laid the foundation but built up the fabric of this prosperous and happy settlement

And it is a somewhat interesting historical fact that the suggestor to whom the inception of the Talbot Anniversary festivals of old was due was Dr John Rolph himself at the time a settler living within a mile of St Thomas and a friend and professedly ardent admirer of Colonel Talbot who at the time the last festival was held was an exile from the country thro his advanced political course he and the Colonel politically wide as the poles asunder The one prominent man who on the other hand opposed the inauguration of the Talbot Anniversary at that time (1817) was Colonel Burwell who nevertheless continued to enjoy Colonel Talbot's friendship and political support I believe to the last showing as it seems to me that Colonel Talbot was capable of magnanimity of feeling and judgment uninfluenced by petty considerations

Colonel Talbot's life work and the anniversary festivals practically closed about the same time for he informed Mrs Jameson in 1837 that he had accomplished what he had set out to do Tho he lived until 1853 the intervening years were the period of his decline He was a product of the Georgian era and his power as the uncrowned King of these regions may be said to have expired with the last of those Kings whose confidence he enjoyed and under whom he flourished

The reign of the young Queen who then ascended the throne was almost co terminus with our settlement's century In it material political and educational advancement not possible under former conditions has been made and nowhere is Victoria the Good held in deeper reverence than in the Talbot settlement

I may add that it was the hope of our Institute to have unveiled on the 21st of May last on the Court House Square in this city a fitting memorial of Her Gracious Majesty which would, by appropriate embellishments and inscriptions have also suitably commemorated the settlement and its pioneers and history Owing to circumstances beyond the Institute's control which I need not detail, this was impossible of accomplishment though

I hope that some suitable memorial of her Majesty may yet adorn this city. Meantime a local historical memorial intended to be as permanent if in ruder form has been erected at Pinafore Park in the shape of a Cairn of stones each representing and having engraved upon it, the name of one of the original 29 township comprised within the Talbot Settlement within which when put in permanent condition will be deposited documents relating to the present Centenary.

At the risk of being considered heterdox I venture the opinion that the historian should not stop short at the collection of dry facts the preservation of musty documents and the planting of memorials of the past. It seems to me that he misses the higher part of his vocation if he fail to place the facts in their true setting of surrounding details and conditions at least so as to insure that the lamp of knowledge he lights may enable those who may go forward into the future to pursue a right path and avoid the obstructions and pitfalls of the past.

Judging Colonel Talbot for instance by present day standards it is easy to depict him as a monster of cruelty, oppression rapacity and intemperance, as indeed it seems rather the fashion now to paint him. Placed in the light and shade and amid the environments of the days in which he lived probably he would present a different figure and moral aspect to his critics.

Slavery was made illegal by the first Parliament of the Province which he attended in the suite of the first Governor; yet was not immediately completely abolished. Duelling continued to be regarded as a necessary mode of settling certain classes of disputes for many years after while gambling and intemperance were almost necessary social accomplishments. Land grabbing was general and whole townships were granted to individuals who made no sacrifice either of money or effort to promote settlement to the extent that Colonel Talbot did. Indeed colonization schemes for the enrichment of speculators rather than the benefit of the colonists have not been unknown even in our own day. Responsible government was imperfectly understood in the mother land and much less in the colonies.

I mention these things not as an apologist for Colonel Talbot or defender of his methods or habits but simply to show the necessity for surrounding historical characters with the atmosphere and environments in which they lived.

We may boast of our material advancement—of our progress in education art and science but are we more loyal truer moral and God-fearing than were the early pioneers with their fine large families of for the most part dutiful sons and daughters?

Are we better men and women than they—individually socially, and politically purer and less corrupt?

It may be the historian has no business to suggest much less to attempt to answer such questions yet if he does his duty in presenting the Past to the gaze of the Future the questions will suggest themselves and upon the answer we are able to truthfully give to them depends the verdict whether we have made use of our superior advantages and opportunities to fulfil what it was intended we should be or do when we were placed in this favoured region of the world And if we find we have failed as yet then let us make resolve to put the new century to better use

Lest I should be accused of preaching when I should speak words of compliment let me close by complimenting you upon the good work being done by the Ontario Society and the valuable collections and publications being made in which your efficient Secretary is especially interested I believe The recent published work of our and your past President Mr Coyne we are glad to know forms a valuable addition to the Literature of the Society

I hope Mr President ladies and gentlemen the present meeting may prove a pleasant as well as profitable one to us all

C O ERMATINGER

President Elgin Historical & Sc Institute

President James reply which was of some length and full of interest dealt chiefly with the life of Governor Simcoe and the recent unveiling of the monument erected in his memory at Toronto which rendered the subject of the address a timely one Though too long for reproduction here President James valuable contribution appears in the publications of the Provincial Society

In the absence of Col Clarke of Elora who was to have read a paper Judge Ermatinger read his paper announced for the afternoon on the early life of Col Talbot

## VISIT TO SOUTHWOLD EARTHWORKS AND PORT TALBOT

On the morning of June 4th at about 9 o clock the members of the Ontario Society and the Elgin County Council were driven by the members of the local Society to the old Indian Fort or Earthworks on the Henderson farm in Southwold the largest and best preserved it is said of their kind in Canada where a very interesting address on Ontario Onomatology was given by H F Gardiner of Hamilton, and one upon the Earthworks themselves by David Boyle the Archeologist and Secretary, and an enjoyable luncheon partaken of

The Ontario Historical Society at Port Talbot

The party next drove to Port Talbot where they were welcomed by Mr Talbot Macbeth K C , the present proprietor, and Mrs MacBeth and spent a very pleasant afternoon in viewing the historic place where civilized life was inaugurated by Col Talbot the spot where the original first tree was cut by the Colonel being pointed out by Mr John Brown, J P A paper by Mr Smith I P S of Wentworth was followed by an interesting talk by Mr J H Coyne on the early visits of notable people to Port Talbot particularly Mrs Jameson extracts from whose graceful description of the Colonel and his home were read

Refreshments were again served on the lawn by the ladies of the Elgin Historical Society whose efforts on this and the previous day and indeed throughout the whole Centennial Celebration cannot be too highly praised

A large number of Pioneers who had lived in the time of Colonel Talbot were by invitation present here and at the Indian Fort and distinguished by yellow badges were regarded and their conversation heard with much interest

In front of the old homestead the Provincial Society and their hosts and Pioneers were photographed as well as at the Earthworks

At about 6 30 after the national Anthem was sung carriages were taken for St Thomas and the annual meeting and outing of the Provincial Society came to an end

As throughout the St Thomas Celebration the weather during the two days of the Ontario Society s visit was perfect indicating that Providence smiled upon the whole Talbot Settlement Centenary

It remains only to be added that the financial success of the Celebration was in keeping with the general result a handsome surplus in cash being left in the hands of the general Celebration Committee in St Thomas out of which the Cairn in the Park has been rendered a permanent and enduring monument of the First Centenary of the Talbot Settlement

# Minutes of General Committee Summarized

The above Committee met on March 16th and outlined a programme similar in its main features to that ultimately adopted and carried out

At a public meeting held on 23rd March this programme was adopted subject to modification or arrangement to suit the exigencies

Mayor C F Maxwell was elected the Permanent Chairman of the Committee already named which was made the executive committee with power to add to their number and subdivide the work

The various municipalities and the Talbot settlement generally were invited to co operate and take part in the demonstration as also the various Fraternal and other Societies

At a meeting held March 23rd the following were appointed a subscription Committee Messrs E A Smith F Doggett W B Waterbury P Meehan and B F Honsinger with power to add to their number J Mackenzie and H Rudolph were subsequently added

Dr Bartlett was elected Treasurer of the General Committee

The offer of the 24th Regiment of Chatham to attend for $200 to defray expenses was accepted

Colonel McLachlin was authorized to secure the 7th Regiment of London if possible

It was decided to invite the Minister of Militia and Lord Dundonald for 25th May to open the new Armoury

W H Murch W B Waterbury and H Roe were appointed a Printing Committee

The Elgin Historical and Scientific Institute was given charge of proceedings for 21st May

Messrs Doggett F W Wright and S Silcox to have in connection with Board of Education charge of second day's programme

Dr Guest L Ferguson John McKenzie and Sheriff Brown (to whom Judge Ermatinger was subsequently added) to have charge of the Pioneer Part of Saturday s programme

Dr Bartlett K W McKay and J H Coyne to take charge

of Old Boys part of programme for Saturday May 23rd

On March 30th the subscription committee met a committee of the Retail Merchants Ass n when the latter agreed to contribute $300 providing a Trades Procession be abandoned A rough estimate of receipts $1550 and expenditure $1500 was arrived at

At a meeting of the General Committee held April 6th it was resolved that all funds be deposited in the Merchants Bank to the credit of the Centennial Committee and withdrawn only by cheques signed by the Treasurer and countersigned by the Chairman and that Henry Roe be permanent Secretary of the Celebration at a salary of $3 per day (Sundays excluded) March 23rd to May 30th

Henry Roe Secretary Celebration Committee

On April 7th memoers of the General Committee waited upon the City Council to ask for a grant of $500 for Demonstration purposes which was granted

A proposition from the 10 Royal Grenadiers to come on the night of May 23rd and remain until night of 25th was accepted committee to furnish caterer and tents in lieu of buildings for sleeping

At a meeting of the General Committee held April 8th Messrs S Silcox H C Hockin and J W Stewart were appointed a committee to confer with the Ladies Historical Society as to holding a concert in the Granite Rink and to rent the Rink for all the days of the Celebration

On April 16th Col McLachlin K W McKay H C Hockin and S H Palmer were appointed to report a full programme for Monday May 25th

On the 20th April at a meeting of the general Committee the Sec y was requested to reply to a letter from Capt Kent of Windsor that the Committee had invited the 10 Royal Grenadiers and 24th Regiment for May 25th and while they would be glad to have the Essex Regiment as visitors the finances would not permit their sending out further invitations

Judge Ermatinger was added to the Pioneer Committee and his suggestion as to having a Cairn erected in the Park adopted

The Sec y was asked to request of the City Council an official opening of the Park on Saturday 23rd May under the name Centennial Park and for permission to erect Cairn therein and that the Council assist the Reeves in its erection

The following were appointed a Decoration Committee — W J McCance, J Henning, C Sanders, S Chant, Geo Midgley, E G Cooper, N W Moore, T G McIntyre, R Stirling, W Worth Jr, W W Lumsden, Jos Rivard, R H Dowler, C Corbett, Jas Egan, C M Baldwin, R M J Webb, A M C Donaldson

The following were appointed an Illumination Committee M A Gilbert, John Farley, C H Hepinstall, T H Duncombe, R Blackmore, G A Ingram, W Cornforth, E G O'Donnell, S B Pocock

The Sec'y was requested to ask all the ministers of the City to prepare special Historical sermons for 24th May

Messrs K W McKay, R M Anderson and Col McLachlin were appointed a Committee to report on catering of soldiers

The design submitted by Mr Waterbury was adopted as the official badge or coat of arms of the Centennial Celebration and electro types ordered

Steps were taken to have a wheelsman's gathering and contest on Saturday 23rd May

At a meeting on April 27th the following committee were given full charge of the Rink and of everything to be carried on in and in connection therewith viz— F Doggett, Dr Guest, Col McLachlin and Mrs Dr Wilson. The same committee appointed to engage and allot Bands

Mr R M Anderson reported as to catering to Roval Grenadiers that men could be subsisted for 16 2-3c per meal

J Farrell and A M Hutchinson were added to the Committee and given authority to arrange for the catering

A grant of $100 was made to Pioneer Committee for attractions including Indian Band

Messrs J H Coyne, W B Waterbury, J W Stewart and F Hunt were appointed a committee on attractions

The Mayor was requested to procure the bells of the city to be rung for 20 minutes on 21st May

At a meeting held 30th April, K W McKay Esq in the chair, Dr Silcox submitted programme for Empire Day and prices of admission to Rink were fixed—all children to be free in afternoon May 22nd and charged 15c for evening and adults 15c in afternoon and 25c in evening.

Invitations to adjoining country schools to be present at Concert authorized—and $35 guaranteed for concert expenses.

Fifty dollars was appropriated for bands for Pioneer Day

It was decided that Pioneer procession be formed at St. Andrew's market at 10 a m May 23rd the old Boys on registering at City Hall receive a badge entitling them to free admission to all entertainments and that a formal welcome be tendered them in the Rink in the evening

Fraternal Societies and citizens generally were asked to decorate the graves of departed friends on May 24th at 2 p m

Canton Victoria was engaged for drill at 4 p m May 25th to be paid $25

Baseball and other games and races authorized for same hour total expense $45

Walter Ross and W W Lumsden addressed the Committee on behalf of Decoration Committee and S Pocock on behalf of Illumination Committee and these committees were guaranteed $100 and $150 respectively, total appropiations made $2050—estimated receipts—collections $1600 concerts $450—$2050

At a meeting held May 4th R M Anderson Esq in the chair a proposition was made by Col Burke, U S Consul as to presentation of medals to life saving crew and arrangements made for that ceremony at Rink Friday evening Guest Badges to be presented to crew to admit them to all entertainments etc A proposition from W K Cameron for opening of new athletic grounds also received

A central Executive Committee consisting of the Mayor the Sec y Messrs Murch, Silcox McKay, Guest and Doggett was appointed to act during recess of General Committee

Printing Committee were asked to enlist the services of "Onlooker and Bohemian of the local press to assist in obtaining contributions to general fund

The following were added by the Central Executive to the General Committee on May 11th—M G Hay G R McColl, F Sutherland, H McPherson R L McCally E A Horton G Geddes F S Lewis and E A Smith

The last meeting of the General Committee previous to the celebration, was held on May 18th W H Murch Esq in the chair It was decided to present the visiting Reeves with Guest badges and to provide meals for crews of Petrel and Lifeboat A large amount of other preliminary business was transacted

On May 30th, the General Committee met Mr John McKenzie in the chair

Reports from chairmen of various committees of expenses

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| were read totaling | $2424 93 |
| Dr Bartlett reported receipts | 3087 67 |
| Shewing surplus | $ 662 74 |

It was decided to ask Mr H T Gough to audit the accounts and print a summary in the newspapers The following Committee was appointed to complete the Cairn in Pinafore Park —Judge Ermatinger K W McKay J A Bell J H Coyne and F Doggett

A vote of thanks was tendered the Hon the Minister of Public Works for illuminating Post Office

Also to Mr and Mrs Payne and Mr and Mrs St Thomas Smith for assistance with Log Cabin etc

Surplus badges were turned over to the Elgin Historical Society

Thanks to 10th Royal Grenadiers 24th and 25th Regiments and C I Cadets and to the Press also were voted

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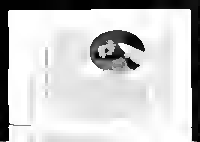

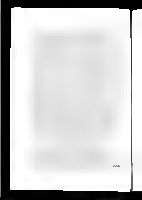

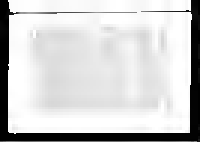

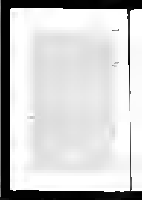

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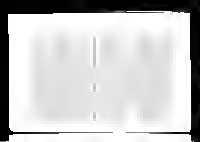

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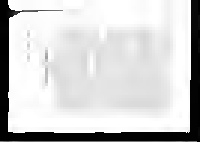

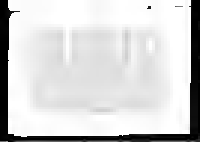

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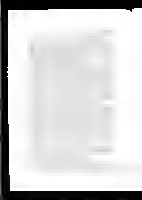

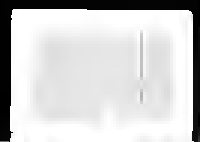

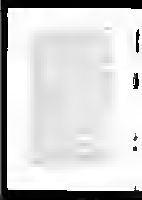

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